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Tomorrow

The art of fraud How unscrupulous dealers are teaming up to rig art prices



Font of wisdom On the day Prince Henry is christened - the role of godparents Golden decade . Why gold has become an economic

past 10 years. Men of words Philip Howard takes a hard-nosed look at former editors

pointer in the

Portfolio

The Times Portfolio competition prize of £2,000 was shared by two winners yesterday. Mrs Wyn Ballock of Ealing, London, and Mr D Scagell of Weybridge, Surrey each received £1,000. Portfolio list, page 14; how to play, information service, back page.

Gas prices up 4.5% in **February**

Gas prices are to rise by 4.5 per cent from February 1 next year, British Gas announced. There will be no increase in standing charges and the corporation said that it intends to hold prices for the rest of 1985.

Unesco's loss

The United States announced that its withdrawal from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organi-

Lord St Oswald

Lord St Oswald, a junior minister in the MacMillan Government, died suddenly vesterday at his London home at the age of 68.

Spy satellite

Mr Caspar Weinberger, US Desence Secretary, attacked The Washington Post for disclosing that the next space shuttle will lamich a spy satellite Page 6

Videos seized

South African security police raided ITN's offices in Johannesburg and seized more than 30 video cassettes containing material shot over a two-year

Svetlana move

Svetlana Alliluyeva, Stalin's daughter, is reported to be planning to live in her father's native republic of Georgia with

her American-born daughter, Olga Page 6

Heroin death Lady Gormansion, aged 29,

wife of the premier viscount of

Ireland, died of an overdose of Page 3

Sudan sorrow

Robert Fisk continues his reports on the efforts to help

famine victims who have struggled over the Ethiopian border into Sudan Page 6

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Government wins by 100'as rebels hold fire on cuts

bellion over freezing of local to reduce the proportion of authority assets with apparent capital receipts which local ease, and by a majority of 100, authorities will be permitted to by the whips and because some rebels are biding their time.

Proof of ministers' concern was the appearance for the second time this week of the Chief Whip, Mr John Wakeham, who cast his first vote since he was severely injured in the Brighton bombing. At least one minister, Mr John MacGregor, who was in Brussels, was flown back to Westminster to

More than 30 Conservatives declined to support the Government in spite of the pressure. At least two voted with the opposition. About 20 showed their defiance by sitting out the division in the chamber.

On another sector of the front the Government is defending Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, was preparing for a tactical retreat by temporarily setting aside his Civil Aviation Bill.

In the emergency debate over the proposed cuts in council spending Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, was allowed an easier passage by Conservative critics who had mauled him the revious day.

But they made plain that, while unwilling to follow the Labour Party into the lobbies on this occasion, they were keeping their powder dry for a

Washington

seeks new

extradition

agreement

and Westminster have already

The US Administration is

appalled at last week's decision

allegedly a political act. There is

will be deported.
Mr Stephen Trott, bead of the

criminal division of the United

States Justice Department, told

The Times that America would

seek to renegotiate the extra-dition treaties with a number of

countries "because we do not want unwittingly to provide

sanctuary for these violent criminals". The aim was to remove the "political offence"

The judge's rling last week was outrageous. "I think it is crazy that terrorists can run

across a border and repeal the

whole penal code of a country. It does not make any sense. We have got to get rid of this political offence nonsense

The Home Office confirmed

last night that officials had been "taking a look" at the extra-

dition agreement, but denied it

was with a view to negotiating a new one (Henry Stanhope

among free, friendly nations."

exclusion of the treaties.

Mr John Cunningham, Labour's chief spokesman on the environment, said Goverauthority capital spending was abysmal. He mged the Tory rebels to show their mettle by recording their votes.

Mr Cumingham said there was a need for more public investment in housing with homelessness increasing and this year seeing the lowest number of council house com-

The total cut in money available to local authorities, he said, was well over £600 million - a cut of about 20 per cent in real terms.

Mr Cunningham said the

Treasury was using councils' capital receipts to massage the public spending borrowing requirement, when they should be used to regenerate the economy, house people and create jobs in the construction industry.

One Conservative malcontent, Dr Keith Hampson, used much the same language, contrasting what he called the real world and the accounting world of the PSBR. Mr Geoffrey Ripon, who did

Conservative government, said they might not need to oppose future by giving ministers the statutory instruments if Mr power to set rigid limits on Jenkin was prepared to let flights into Heathrow.

suport from the Conservative benches for Mr Jenkin's defence

Mr Ridley looks set to freeze his controversial Civil Aviation Bill for up to a year following the embarrassing rebellion by Conservative MPs opposed to a major expansion

Although he was said last night to still be considering his options following the unpre-cedented blocking of the Bill's progress by the committee set up to examine it, MPs were Minister will tell the Commons this afternoon that he will not proceed until the future of Stanstead is decided.

The Commons will hold debate early next year, probably lasting tow days, in the recently published Stanstead Public Inquiry Report which rec-

airport
Mr Ridley and Mr Ian Gow the Minister for Housing and Construction are unlikely to pronounce on Stanstead's future until June or July.

The current stalemate stems from the fear of Conservative Mr Jenkin's job in the previous rebels that the legislation preempts a decision on Stansted's

New defence buyer to be paid £95,000

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspon



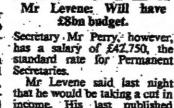
Levene, at present chairman and managing director of United Scientific Holdings, a

big defence contractor.
Until July Mr Levene was for by Judge John Aprizzo in New York to refuse to extradite a six months personal adviser to Mr Michael Heseltime, Secconvicted IRA member and murderer because his crime was retary of State for Defence.

The choice, which is certain to cause controversy, prompted a demand by Mr Bill McCall, general secretary of the Insti-tution of Professional Civil Servants, for a parliamentary inquiry into the manner and circumstances of this outrageous appointment".

allegedly a political act. There is no appeal against the ruling.
Joseph Patrick Thomas Doherty, convicted of murdering a british soldier in Belfast, escaped from a jail there in June 1981, two days before a judge found him guilty of murder, attempted murder, possession of illegal weapons and membership of the IRA. He is being held in a New York prison without bail as an illegal alien Mr Heseltine has in effect split the present job of Chief of Defence Procurement into two, with the present holder, Mr without bail as an illegal alien and has applied for political asylum. If he is turned down, he David Perry, moving to a newly-created post as Chief of Defence Equipment Collabora-tion, concentrating on multinational procurement projects.

Both Mr Levene, aged 43, and Mr Perry, who is 53, will have the status of Permanent



income. His last published salary with United Scientific Holdings was £140,000. His appointment as a temporary adviser to Mr Heseltine caused controversy, with suggestions of possible conflicts

of interest. On taking up his new appointment at the ministry. initially for five years, he will sever his connectons with United Scientific Holdings, where he will be succeeded as chairman by Sir Frank Cooper, former Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Defence.

Pits strike could go on for years, says Willis

The coal strike could go on relying on a drift back to work for years, Mr Norman Willis, presented a real danger general secretary of the TUC said yesterday, as the National Union of Mineworkers took legal action to establish its authority over 30,000 dissident Nottinghamshire pitmen (our Industrial Editor writes).

His comments came at the end of a TUC general council meeting which expressed "grave dismay" at the refusal of Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for France, to the officer to for Energy, to use his offices to encourage negotiations.

Mr Willis gave a "very writes).
"We are very happy with the treaty we have", a spokesman

sombre" report and said that

moving below hips, collapsing

The umon's Nottinghamshire council meets today to approve rule changes that will exempt the area from a new disciplinary procedure and take away from the national executive the right to call strikes in the area.

In the High Court yesterday the union was given leave to proceed with its action against the Nottinghamshire rebels, but Mr Justice. Warner refused to grant a temporary injunction stopping the rule changes. In the past few days, a further £250,000 has been conveyed to the Miners' Solidarity Fund



Ted Hughes : '

appointment may have some-thing to do with the fact that Lord Gowrie, Minister for the Arts, is himself a poet. Mr Hughes, who is a private if not reclusive man, yesterday firmly refused all invitations from the bounds of Fleet Street to compose an instant poem.

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A greeting for Mrs Thatcher from Deng Xizoping before the signing

Queen accepts invitation to visit China in 1986

From Mary Lee, Peking

Zhao Ziyang, is to visit Britain next summer, and the Queen has accepted an invitation to visit China in 1986. Also, a high level British trade delegation led by Lord Young, Minister without Portfolio, will visit Peking uext March. These exchanges were re-

ealed in talks between Mr Zhao and Mrs Margaret Thatcher, on the occasion of the signing of the Sino-British joint declaration on Hong Kong

The signing, deemed historic by all its participants, went off without a hitch, with generous

'True poet'

Ted Hughes

is Laureate

By Philip Howard

Ted Hughes has been ap-pointed Poet Laureate to

succeed Sir John Betjeman

which is a bit like appointing a

grim young crow to replace a cuddly old teddy bear. Hughes, aged 54, is not quite

the youngest man ever to have been elevated to this official

post: Tennyson was 41 when he

But Hughes is without doubt

the most acti-Establishment, black, and acerbic poet to have become a court official, with the

expectation, if not the duty, that he will compose odes in

celebration of royal birthdays

He is a true poet, which is more than can be said for some

of his predecessors, and his

became Laureate.

and state occasions.

Literary Editor . .

other. Mrs Thatcher had talks all day with Chinese leaders, starting with Mr Zaho, then statung with Will Zamb, then the Communist Party General Secretary Mr Hu Yaobang and, Finally, the man who made the entire day possible - Deng

Much of the discussion

concerned both government's determination to implement the joint declaration on Hong Kong, with all the Chinese reiterating the point that China had a record of sticking to its iternational

the Cultural Revolution. Mr Deng himselfwent to ome length to explain why China's policies on Hong Kong will remain anchanged for 50 years after 1997. "This policy." he told Mrs Thatcher was put forward in the light of a particular situation in China.

years of inernal turmoil during

Inorder to become rally developed, China still needs 50 years after 1997. "He reiterated that of stability and prosperity in Hong Kong was in the interest of China's four modernization

Mrs Thatcher pledged that Continued on back page, col 1

barrel, compared with an official price of \$28.65.

sector borrowing. It was also announced yesterday that aver-

age earnings rose by 8.2 per cent

Elsewhere too the pound was

centimes

generally weak, losing 1.8 pfennigs to DM3.6395, and

Dealers also attributed ster-

Several officials denied the pisode had taken place, even a he Pentagon spokesman wa onfirming it.

The State Department said hat as far as it knew, Washing from the Soviet Union. But the Japanese Government, which has complained of repeated Soviet intrusion into its air

space, had made inquiries to the United States.

Tokyo had raised questions about conducting this kind of exercise so close to Soviel territorial waters and sensitive military installations and has asked for an explanation. The inquiry was evidently intended to get the matter resolved before a visit here next month by the Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro

Jakasone. Commander Leeder said the carriers completed a large exercise, Fleetex 85, early this month, then moved into the Sea of Japan, not far from Vladivostok, for several days.

Fleetex 85 was approved by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, but it was unclear who approved the subsequent operation,

Petroleum Exporting Countries, Fril. 1455. Kenneth Fleet, page 15

Oil fears push sterling

to further low

The pound dropped 1.1 cents fail to stem the downward to a new low of \$1.1740 pressure on oil prices.

Oil prices on the spot market weakened further yesterday, the sterling index, which measures oil failing 15 cents to \$26.85 and \$1.1740 prices of North Sea Brent crude oil failing 15 cents to \$26.85 and \$1.1740 prices of North Sea Brent crude oil failing 15 cents to \$26.85 and \$1.1740 prices of North Sea Brent crude oil failing 15 cents to \$26.85 and \$1.1740 prices of North Sea Brent crude oil failing 15 cents to \$26.85 and \$1.1740 prices of North Sea Brent crude oil failing 15 cents to \$26.85 and \$1.1740 prices of North Sea Brent crude oil failing 15 cents to \$26.85 and \$1.1740 prices.

respondent, writes). Later in ling's weakness to strong growth New York, the pound dropped in money supply and high

run-up, but dealers report that in the 12 months to October, sentiment has moved sharply Elsewhere too the pound

Star Wars fear raised by Kinnock

the pound's average value, fell

0.3 to 73.3, also a record low

(David Smith, Economics Cor-

Trading on foreign exchanges has been light in the Christmas

against the pound. The main

factor has been a belief that oil

to \$1.1700.

By Anthony Bevins Political Correspondent

The American "Star Wars" project poses a greater threat to Nato than any external pressure from the Soviet Union, Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader. said after a three-hour meeting with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov in London yesterday.

"Mr Gorbachov understood the commitment we in the Labour Party have to Nato, and there was no aspiration by the Soviet Union to disturb the cohesion of the alliance." It was recognized that the alliance acilitated negotiation and gave a balance and equilibrium in Europe, Mr Kinnoch said.

Mr Gorbachov, who also met Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, and Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democratic Party, as part of the day's round of engagements, told Mr Kin-nock there would be no Soviet preconditions on talks with the United States. Mr Denis Healey, chief

opposition spokesman on foreign affairs, explained: "What the Russians are really saying is that if the Americans decide to go ahead with the so-called Star Wars system, the Russians, instead of trying to copy them, may decide to adopt methods of penetrating whatever system the Americans produce, and that will obviously set limits to the possibility of negotiating cuts in offensive

The Labour leader raised specific cases of human rights with Mr Gorbachov and urged the restoration of arrangements for people to be able to leave the Soviet Union

Mr Kinnock said Mr Gorbachov had again taken a very stern line on the observance of Soviet law Photograph, page 2



Rugby tries to make scrum a safer place The working party watched the Wasps v Richmond game why we literally want to get our

By Tim Glover

A disturbing increase in injeries in Rugby Union has prempted a move for revolutionary changes which, it is poped, will make the game levels. The Rugby Football Union, resting to the findings. of a working party on injuries. is recommending the elimination of the current scourges of the British game - pile-ups and

collapsed scrums. The RFU will approach the Board the game's rading body, in Paris in March with moves to rewrite laws 19 and 20, which cover fundamental aspects of the sport, including rucks, mauls Any player wilfully lying on the ball will be penalized and

waru had better hang up his boots. The shoulders of forwards must not be lowere than the hips. It is hopeful that this will prevent a scrum collapsing. a dangerous practise which can lead to broken necks and spinal

any beut-shouldered prop for-

this season in which there were 39 scrams, 19 of which collapsed. They have also discovered that of 63 players admitted to Stoke Mandeville Hospital in a 30-year period, 37 were forwards, 20 of them from the front row of the pack. Of the total, 16 were school-boys and it was initially to allay parental anxiety that the working party was formed two

John Kendall-Carpenter, a member of the working party and headmister of Wellington School, Somerset, said: "Our appeal is diminishing." Mr Kendall-Carpenter, who is also a member of the international Board and a former England nternational, added: "That is

game back on its feet.
"He thinks that rugby in Britain has degenerated into a kind of Eton Wall Game with "everyone heaving around in a dangerous heap." The RFU's innovations have already been adopted at under-19 level, and the results, the working party told a press conference at the East India Club, have been impressive. England now spends £100,000 a year in insurance

cover for schoolboy rugby, but cover for schoolboy rigoly, but lan Beer, the chiairman of the workding party, said: "We don't consider the game has become too dangerous although people's approach to it has become more competitive and

Law changes, page 20

Ulster keeps 'supergrass' trials despite 35 acquittals

jubilation at the acquittals, but

to show the impartiality of

British justice and to bolster the

some of them would become

an alleged Provisional IRA informer, Robert Lean, retrac-

ted statements, the number of

But 143 people have been

• Frogmen searched a border river yesterday for one of the

gang at Kesh, co Fermanagh

'supergrasses" has fallen.

The police in Northern freland will continue to use "supergrass" evidence despite Provisional Sinn Fein, political the heavy setback suffered with wing of the Provisional IRA, the acquittal of 35 people in the said that it had been an attempt the heavy setback suffered with Raymond Gelmour trial.

As the 26 people released after the collapse of the trial on strategy of using informers. Tuesday threatened to apply to Those released alleged that the European Court of Human Rights for compensation, law-yers and the Royal Ulster Constabulary, were preparing been adopted by the security for tomorrow's judgement on the appeal by 14 "loyalists" convicted on the word of the Ulster Volunteer Form in alleged Provisional IRA Ulster Volunteer Force in-

former Joseph Benen. Several Unionist politicians argued yesterday that the decision by Northern Ireland's Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lowry, to reject the evidence of Gilmour vindicated the use of accomplice evidence.

Mr Enoch Powell. Official Unionist MP for Down South, said that it had been alleged that judges do not apply sufficiently strict rules to the credibility of informers. What has happened in this trial shows not that the RUC were wrong to bring the prosecution, but that judges in fact, especially as they sit without a jury, are specially careful to ensure that the informer is credible."

But Mr Peter Barry, the Irish Republic's Minister for Foreign Affairs, said the trial called into question the whole system.

The biggest increase, of 17

The number of houses and

flats in England defined by surveyors to be in "serious

disrepair" increased by 21 per

cent to 1,049,000 in the 10 years

from 1971 to 1981.

The impact of Tuesday's housing capital allocation on

home improvement grants suggests that the figure will grow

further by 1991. Throughout the

country councils have begun to

freeze their waiting lists for

grants. Existing commitments

will be honoured, but the

amount of house renovation

and improvement supported by public funds will decline sharply

next year. Little wonder, the cynics say,

that Mr Patrick Jenkin, Sec-

retary of State forthe Environ-

ment, is planning to cancel the

survey of house conditions planned for 1986 and has moved to disband the specialist

unit in his department that has

built up an impressive and

worrying dossier on the state of

Robberies prevalent as

crime figures rise

Russians plan new embassy buildings By Charles Knevitt Architecture Correspondent

The Soviet Embassy in London is planning to build a huge office, residential and cultural complex in Earls Court. west London, and a new official residence in Kensington Palace Gardens.

The Earls Court site, at 245, Warwick Road, has been under consideration for some time, as part of a reciprocal arrangement whereby the Russians find a new site for the British Embassy

 Members of the Soviet delegation visiting Britain laid a wreath at Karl Marx's tomb in Highgate cemetary yesterday. But Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the senior Polithuro member, was not among them. Instead Mr Leonid Zamyatin, Chief spokes-man of the the Soviet Central found guilty on accomplice evidence during the past four Committee; was the main

years and there are three "supergrass" trials pending. ● The affvantage which the Soviet Union enjoys over Nato in front line aircraft in Europe is Sir John Hermon, Chief Constable of the RUC, admitted that giving immunity was "distasteful" to many people but said: "The police have an inscendible distantial in the police have an instantial in the becoming increasingly critical, according to the 1984-85 edition of Jane's All the World's Aircraft, (Jane's Publishing Company, £60), published inescapable duty, acting within the law, to bring terrorist suspects before the court on the best evidence available". Company, today.



Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, greeting Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet Politburo member, on his arrival for talks at the House of Commons yesterday. Mr Gorbachov also saw the Liberal and Social Democratic Party leaders.

Derbyshire to sue Jenkin over curbs on spending

Derbyshire County Council autumn was caught in a legal yesterday decided to take legal trap yesterday (Our Local proceedings in the High Court against Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Most of the £750,000 allogeration of the formula for the Environment, over his decision on the county's expenditure targets which could affect many

Even if the council was to budget at the Government's ment. grant-related expenditure figure. it would suffer grant penalties of £42 million, councillors were told at the meeting in Matlock.

A joint report by the director and treasurer of the council said: "The council have taken legal advice from two leading counsel on whether Mr Jenkin acted within the law which required him, when issuing expenditure targets, to do so on the basis which applied to all authorities. Both counsel are of have acted unreasonably."
Mr David Bookbinder, leader

of the Labour-controlled council, said that it was estimated that Derbyshire's rates would go up by one-third if the decision by Mr Jenkin was allowed to

cated for campaigning against government policy will be government policy will be frozen while the authority decides whether to appeal against a High Court judge-

Mr Justice Glidewell found in favour of Westminster City Council, which had claimed that the money should not be spent. The judge ruled that authority members had taken into account "irrelevant considerations" in approving the

• Liverpool City Council yesterday approved the closure of the Strawberry Field children's home, which inspired a authorities. Both counsel are of Beatles' song based on John the view that Mr Jenkin may Lennon's childhood memories.

Woman killed

Mrs Adeline Williams, aged by Mr Jenkin was allowed to stand.

Planned spending by the inner London Education Authority which escaped government spending curbs in the murder.

Strike-bound Ford Maze prison escapers, missing since a gun battle between SAS soldiers and a Provisional IRA still meets demand nearly three weeks ago. Kieran Fleming, aged 24 is feared to have drowned in the Bannagh

output has been at a standstill for more than a month, claimed yesterday that it was meeting demand from stock and imports but that it has not increased deliveries from continental

About 170,000 dwellings are

likely to be started next year (30,000 public sector and

140,000 private), about half the figure for the mid-1970s.

Councils are likely to cancel

or defer building schems, with a

direct effect on employment

and income among builders. Modernization of council es-

tates and remedying of defec-tive schemes such as the Orlit

houses will also be deferred indefinitely. At some point the

reduction of council houses will

mean more people on council registers of homelessness for

longer periods. In inner Lon-don, always a blackspot, 6.7 households in every thousand

are now officially accepted as

Municipal officials make the

point that neglected repairs

mean more eventual expense. If

sight of the strike by 270 machinists which has halted By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent Crime recorded by police statistical bulletin yesterday, rose sharply in the third quarter mean that reported crime in the production of Orion, Escort, years. Sierra and Fiesta cars, the of this year. There was a 9 per first nine months of this year company was reluctant to comment in detail on how it cent increase compared with the same period of 1983.

was up by 7 per cent on the same period last year. same period last year.
The Home Office says that, planned to maintain supplies to per cent, was in robbery, 6,100 when seasonal variations are dealers. But a spokesman said that this month the average 42 offences, followed by criminal allowed for the number of per cent import content of damage with a 15 per cent rise offences recorded has risen in to 120,300 offences. Other rises were burglary (13 quarter of 1983, per cent to 207,800 offences).

The Bulletin discount of the control of the con Ford's United Kingdom car sales was not being exceeded.

theft and handling stolen goods effect of figures from the (8 per cent to 453,000), fraud and forgery (2 per cent to 31,600). But violence against etin. Notifiable offences recorded the person remained almost by the Police in England and the person remai In the first 18 days of December, Ford's market share was down to less than 25 per cent compared with 27.9 per cent for the first 11 months of the year although the company said it had "reasonably healthy" stocks. The absence of any increase

home improvement grants where there is little spare land.

static with only a 0.6 per cent Wales - third quarter 1984. increase to 30,800. Statistical Department. Tol-Statistical Department, Tol-These latest crime figures, sworth Tower, Surbiton, Surrey reported in a Home Office KT6 7DS (£1.50).

Jenkin's cash squeeze

More homes fall into disrepair

made in 1985-86 could drop to 80,000 from this year's likely total of around 200,000. Many

councils have already stopped

accepting applications from

home owners. One council, Bristol, even tried to rescind

commitments already entered

who have had their applications

accepted will be allowed to get

outlook for intending improvers

year by Mr Jenkin to rein in

council spending on housing

had some effect on the volume

of building: the number of new

dwellings started by councils fell. to a low of 1,800 in October.

Extrapolating that figure, the total of new starts in 1985-86

could be about 30,000 for Great

the volume of private house-

A parallel fall is predicted in

The efforts made earlier this

In most cases, home owners

By David Walker, Social Policy Correspondent

Ford of Britain, whose car lack of immediate concern about meeting demand, will fuel trade union suspicion that the company is prepared to ride out the present dispute and give few

In addition, the strike has come at a time when car sales traditionally fall to meagre levels, and this year they have declined further than in recent With no immediate end in

The January boom in car sales is experienced across Europe, unlike the peculiar August rush in the United Kingdom, and this will be another factor in the Europe factories maintaining output for domestic sale.

The current dispute, which has taken on the mantle of "the forgotten strike"because of the overshadowing effect of the miners' dispute, has so far caused lost output of 41,600 cars with a showroom value of £239 million and the lay off of ,500 manual workers. Earlier this week, impasse in imports and Ford's apparent

was reached in talks.

Errors led

to fatal

gas blast

By Ronald Faux

A gas explosion which killed six people and destroyed an Aberdeen hotel might have been prevented if Scottish gas had taken reasonable precautions, a fatal accident in-

In his findings, published

yesterday, on the explosion at the Royal Darroch Hotel at

Cults on October 25, Sheriff

Principal Stewart Bell said the

explosion was triggered when an

impulse pipe was broken in a

governor near by where Scottish

The fracture led to medium-

pressure gas bursting the Royal Daroch's low-pressure meters

and then igniting.
Sheriff Bell added that the

workmen should have been

supervised and the explosion

would probably have been

prevented if meter governors

Gas men were working.

quiry has found.

A gas explosion which killed

Yorkshire's **Operation** Santa Claus

By Paul Vallaley

The house at 301, Chapletown Road, in Leeds, is the fulfilment of many a child's fantasies about Santa's toy

factory. It is a Victorian mansion whose rooms are full of stacked boxes of toys. Each door or wall carries a notice to indicate the type of presents the room contains: "ages 1-3", " Girls, aged 9-11" or "Boys, 12-13".

In every corner lie thousands of parcels, already in their Christmas paper. Sitting on the

floor in the biggest room, before a small coal fire and under a glittering Christmas tree, one of Santa's helpers is steadily working her way through a pile of Brock the Badger jigsaws with rolls of

tape and wrapping paper.

There are 55,000 miners on strike in the Yorkshire coal-field, the biggest in Britain.

Organizing food for the families and toys for the children this Christmas is a huge task.

The National Union of Mineworkers has delegated the matter to individual branches, supervised by the four mion panels which make up the Yorkshire coatfield. proaches the Leeds miners'

support group, Operation Food Force, which serves the northern panel, has turned its attention from food to gifts to help those pits which have not been "adopted" by an affinent local trade union or Labour Party group.
"So far we have raised more

than £5,000. We have bought and wrapped so many presents we have lost count", Miss Janis Goodman said, without pausing from her jigsaw wrapping. "And even today, another 160 requests for toys have come in." Funds have been raised from

brass band concerts, collections at Rugby League matches and folk evenings, as well as cavalcades, discotheques and a sponsored skydive by a striking miner who is a former member of The Parachute Regiment.

The result is that every miner's child in the Yorkshire coalfield will receive at least one present on Christmas Day.

Strike threat over coal trains

By Staff Reporters

to take strike action over moves by British Rail to get coal trains moving again in the strike-bound Midlands area. A meeting between the National Union of Railwaymen

and the train drivers' union Asief is to be held after Christmas and is likely to call for selective strike action in protest at BR's successful attempts this week to move two trains using staff from the Coalville depot in Leicester-

An NUR official said last night "We have to show BR that we are prepared to defend our members and take action in line with the executive's decision to black movements of

No deep-mined coal has been moved by trains from Coalville since the start of the miner's strike 40 weeks ago, although coal from opencast sites has been carried. When BR tried similar tactics at the Shirebrook depot in Derbyshire, the unions threatened to call out on strike key signalmen which would have halted trains on the London to Scotland east coast

·Union officials claim that the two rail workers used at Coalville this week were members of the breakaway Federation of Professional Railway-

BR backed down in the face of the previous threat of action over the Shirebrook movements where the union had threatened to launch a campaign of guerrilla industrial action following the disruption caused by

Two hundred children of striking miners in the Durham coalfield will not receive the Christmas present they ex-pected at a party on Saturday after moves by government solicitors yesterday to block funds sent to strikers by students at the Polytechnic of North London.

The vicar of Christchurch, New Seaham, the Rev Peter

Union leaders are threatening disaffected members of the Holland said he had been fold by the Treasury Solicitor not to British Rail to get coal trains

RP backed down in the face accept any further cheques from

the students union.

A cheque for £5,000 which he had banked last Friday had been stopped after a High Court injunction which restrained the executive of the students' union from allocating funds to any activity not directly related to

student needs.

Demand for coal in Britain by the year 2000 is likely to be at least 25 million tonnes less than forecast by the National Coal Board, according to the Henley Centre for Forecasting. Coal will provide only 30 per cent of energy requirements with demand hovering around 87 million tonnes a year, their report said yesterday.

Pits' holiday closures

The coal industry begins its holiday period on Christmas Eve. With regional variations, the holiday ends in the first days of January. Collieries can nominate which days they want to work.

in Scotland all pits will be shut on December 24 and 25. On December 26 all except two will be open for work. (Pits on strike are classed as open for work by the National Coal Board) Board.)

Scotland will be on holiday and most collieries in Scotland will remain on holiday for the following week. In the rest of the country all

pits will be shut December 24 and 25 and most but not all will take holidays on December 26, 27 and 28. December 29 is a Saturday and therefore not a production day. On December 31 and January 1 all collieries will be shut and most will be



Young hopeful: Samantha Evans, aged three, with toys collected in Leeds for the children of striking miners in Yorkshire. (Photograph: Andrew Varley).

roofs or panels are left unrehad been fitted. He criticized lack of liaison paired damp can penetrate and Where individual collieries push up the eventual cost, between the distribution and have been particularly enterprising they may have two or possibly even call for demo-lition. service departments of Scottish

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the nation's housing.

The Institute of Housing economic conditions and rising estimates that the number of house prices in desirable areas

Stage 1: Choose the best wine merchants in your neighbourhood.

Stage 2: Approach the most knowledgeable-looking assistant therein.

Stage 3: Ask him for a bottle of his finest Bual Madeira, Malmsey Madeira, Verdelho Madeira or Sercial Madeira.

If he doesn't give you Harveys, the chances are you've got Stage 1 wrong.

New towns: 4 Success story north of the border

East Kilbride was the first Scottish new town to be designated in 1947, and it is likely to be the first to be wound up, but not yet.

It is probably the most successful of the five new towns in Scotland; the others being

Cumbernauld, Glenrothes, Irvine and Livingston, but all five are still developing and, in the words of Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, attracting investment projects

cently that none of the new town corporations would begin winding up before 1990 and then only when they reached a to complete its development, new imperus, which includes plans for a . It has also b

While in England new towns are moving steadily towards their demise, there is no such rush to wind an Scottish new While in England new towns are moving steadily towards the Secretary of State will their demise, there is no such rush to wind up Scottish new ensure that as little difficulty is towns. In the last article of the series CHRISTOPHER WARMAN, Property Correspondent, explains that they are proving a great success for the Scottish economy. WARMAN, Property Correspondent, explains that they are proving a great success for the Scottish economy.

public and £171 million from the private sector - is planned during this period and Mr George Young, managing direc-tor of the corporation, believes still have an "important and they can achieve in terms of continuing role" to play in jobs and houses the commitment of a sufficiently large to Scotland and contributing to number of second generation the economy while pursuing people to ensure the economic the task of creating fully and social stability of the developed and balanced com-

East Kilbride, nine miles Mr Younger announced reently that none of the new ease Glasgow's post-war housown corporations would begin ing difficulties and help broaden the economy of the west of Scotland, was created around trigger of a percentage of their the villages of East Kilbride and designated populations. For Maxwelltown which had a East Kilbride, whose population combined population of 2,400. now stands at 70,500, the triager A generation later it is the sixth is 74,250; 90 per cent of its largest town or city in Scotland, designated 82,500 population. It means the town will have a generation is now looking for minimum of 10 years in which jobs and houses has given it a

It has also brought difficultfurther 7,000 jobs, a private ics, for many of the houses built housing area for 2,500 dwellings in the early years need substantial repairs. When the new town new leisure and shopping corporation does wind up the extension in the town centre. housing stock is due to be housing stock is due to be Further investment totalling transferred to the district £276 million - £105 million council. The Labour-controlled

council wants the houses, but is concerned at their state of repair and is seeking high standards of modernization. During the next 10 years accordingly the corpor-ation has earmarked £40 million for the work, spending up to £9,000 on each house at a rate of about 500 a year.

The corporation has built

some 22,000 flats and houses of which it has sold 6,300, and the housing stock is one of the issues over which the corporation and local authority have had disagreements. In general, however, the relationship between the two bodies, one elected the other appointed, is harmonious, for the council acknowledges that its new town brother can do things which it would be unable to achieve because of financial constraints.

Mr Young explained enthusi-astically that the new towns in Scotland are a success story. "Unlike the pessimistic faces of some of the English new towns, we are optimistic. Unlike England the Scottish new towns are the major growth points and 85 per cent of foreign invest-

Given that record he believes towns' commercial and industrial assets when they are finally wound up. With increasing emphasis on

urban regeneration and less on development in the new towns, it might seem that East Kilbride's targets are ambitious, and it is certainly finding it more difficult to attract finance from the Government. The resulting improvements apparent in Glasgow, however, delight the corporation. "Since most people visiting us come through Glasgow, to see it run down has been a handicap for us. Therefore nothing could be better than a reinvigorated Glasgow to give further encouragement to visitors", Mr Young

So despite the rival claims of the cities, and despite increasing competition in attracting investment from the other new towns, East Kilbride is thriving. Last year it made a profit for the fifteenth year running. Not surprisingly therefore the Sec-retary of State has declared "the Scottish Development Corporation will continue to do a good job and enjoy the full support of this government".

Solicitor cleared on appeal

A south coast solicitor, Mr Richard Somick, aged 49, who was fined £10,000 for an alleged conveyancing fraud, was cleared by three Appeal Court judges in

London yesterday. Mr Sotnick, of Craneswater Park, Southsea, Hampshire, was convicted at Winchester Crown court in June last year of attempting to obtain a "deed of release" by deception.

Lord Justice May, Mr Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Kennedy ruled that the jury's

verdict was "unsafe and unsat-isfactory." They held that the summing-up of the case by Mr Justice Mars-Jones had not been as balanced as it should have been.

Tory recovers

Mr Donald MacLean, president of the Scottish Conserva-tive and Unionist Association, who was injured in the Brighton bomb explosion in October, was released from the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, yesterday. His wife, Muriel, died last month of her injuries.

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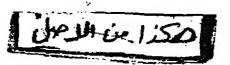
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Christmas

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cookers By Derek Harris

Commercial Editor

latest is that of microwave

cookers, whose sales this year

are expected to be up by more

A microwave cooker is this year's most fashionable present

from husband to wife, accord-

ing to sales patterns at one of the biggest department stores of the John Lewis Partnersnip.

Brent Cross, north Loudon, the

managing director, Mr Nicho-las Walderman Brown, said:

"This is the microwave cooker

Christmas as far as we are

Concerned.

"A lot of wives seem to want

them because they can turn our meals so quickly. Last year the

popular demand was for a home

computer; the year before it

Department stores accoun

About 22 per cent of sales go

In 1983 there was a 48 per

By the end of this year there

are likely to be at least 2.3

Japanese products dominate the market, but one cooker,

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ourt from calling his shop 'Harrodds" after a complaint from Harrods in Knightsbridge. Silver stolen

Georgian silver cutlery worth £17,000 was stolen from the 1st Battalion, the Gloucestershire Regiment by two men who knocked a soldier unconscious when he disturbed them in the officers' mess at Lucknow Barracks, Tidworth Garrison,

Joyride baby

Simone Redway, aged two, was driven away by a car thief in Birmingham yesterday after her father left her to buy a newspaper. She was found unharmed in the abandoned

Trophies theft

Kenny Dalglish, the Scotland and Liverpool footballer, was rubbed last night of his trophies from his club's record-breaking 1983-1984 season when thieves hroke into his bome in Birkdale, Southnort,

Wife of peer choked to death from overdose of

the effects of an overdose of ter Coroners Court, London,

mother of two, was found collapsed in the back of a friend's car early one day last month after two late-night parties, and died an hour later in the Westminster Hospital,

Dr Ian West, the pathologist, Westminster Coroners' Court that traces of cocaine were found in the body, but his main finding was a "substantial dose a very high level of morphine", the residue of heroin which she had "probably snorted" a few hours before.

"She died from the effects of heroin which would have induced vomitting and I give the cause of death aspiration of vomit due to opiate overdose." Dr Knapman, recording a

or urugs, said: "One thing is conspicuous in its absence of all the evidence, how did she come by the heroin and cocaine? No one is able to help us.

"The transfer of thing is that after drinking champagne and watching videos he fell asleep and in the early hours was woken by Lord Gormanston, who was concerned that the transfer of t verdict of non-dependent abuse. of drugs, said: One thing is

Mild winter

blamed for

bean surplus

North Waisham, Norfolk, yes

terday as the reason for its

decision to put 200 workers on a three-day week in January and instruct them to take a Christ-

mas break of two weeks instead

A spokesman said: "People

have not been buying so many beans and other such foods to keep them warm. We are overstocked because of the mild

Gems haul by

armed raiders

worth several hundred thou-

sand pounds were stolen yester

day when an armed garig raided the offices of a manufacturing jeweller in New Bond Street,

central London.

Staff at NDC Ltd opened a security door to a man with a sack claiming to be a postman with a delivery. He then produced a handgun and two other raiders joined him.

Selfridge's win

A south London trader who called his shop "Sellfridges" because he sold 'fridges was

banned from using the name by

t lapham High Street, is being sued by the owners of Selfridge's

store in Oxford Street, who claim

that his shop's name is likely to

cause confusion. Last month Mr Moore was bunned by the High

Mr John Moore, who trades at

a High Court judge yesterday.

name ban



Lady Gormanston: a fatal overdose; and Lord Gormans-

Lord Gormanston, aged 45, Lady Gormanston, aged 29, a told the court that he and his nother of two, was found wife left their home at Delmy House, Thurloe Place, South Kensington, London, at 10pm on Saturday, November 17, and spent a few hours at a party hosted by Mr Alex Butler, a company director, at his house Blenheim Crescent, Noming

> After a few drinks the couple were driven to the home of Mr Brian Walsh, an antique dealer and an acquaintance of Lord Gormanston, in Fulham Road,

Lord Gormanston was unable to say where his wife had obtained the drugs or when she had taken them. He put her malaise down to a combination of alcohol and tablets she had

of the car and he searched the vehicle and found Lady Gormanston collapsed on the back When he said it looked as though Lady Gormanston had taken a drug overdose, Mr Walsh replied: "That's enough officer. There is no need for

Asked if he knew when Lady

have no idea. I saw nothing of

Lord Gormanston, who does

not drive, was directing him to the home in Ebury Mews, Belgravia, south-west London,

of Mrs Gwendoline d'Urso, a close friend of Lady Gormans-

ton, when police followed them

because the vehicle was being

driven erratically. The police

called for assistance when Lord

Gormanston identified himself,

and Lady Gormanston was

Police Constable Douglas Tullock told the inquest that shortly after 7am on November

18 he noticed the car Mr Walsh

"He had not done anything

wrong. It was just the manner of his driving. He seemed to be going very fast but seemed

PC Tullock said that he

stopped the car and after Lord

Gormanston produced his se-

curity pass for the House of

Lords he asked Mr Walsh, the

driver, for identification. Mr

Walsh could not produce anything to verify his ownership

found in a state of collapse.

was driving

that at the party."

that. What's your number?". Lord Gormanston had said: 'it's all right - she's been like this before. She's taken some tablets for asthma and she's had a drink". He called for assistance, and Lady Gormanston was taken by ambulance to

 Michael Ross, aged 13, who fought off three masked raiders at his village post office home in Moray, Scotland. He required hospital treatment for injuries after being clubbed with a wooden baton and punched as he fought to protect Mrs Ann Ross, his widowed mother, and grandmother aged 70. "I just acted instinctively." he id yesterday. "I didn't stop to

went to:

Andrew Boosey aged 11 of Tytherington Avon who took control of a speeding car when his

the Two Ronies, Ronnie Barker and Ronnie Corbett, Rod Hull-

and Emu, and Shakin Stevens,

were at yesterday's presen-tations of children of courage

awards by Princess Anne in

The presentation of the

annual awards to ten children

aged from two to 13 came after

a carol service conducted by the

Dean of Westminster, Awards

Westminster Abbey.

The mother was driving Andrew to a barber in Bristol when a bolting afterwards. horse collided with the car Mrs Pencione Boosey collapsed and

Talbot. West Glamorgan, rugby tackled an escaping man during a police chase, after a police officer had called for help. He was carried along for a short while before being forced to let go but the man was arrested shortly

iparent's house nearby.

(B) Gary Plane, aged 3, of Cog Lane, Burnley, lost his legs after a gust of wind blew him into the path of a

two pairs - and his parents.
"There's just no stopping Gary," said his mother Lynn,

Dominic Jones, aged 12, of Port

fly to snow

and sun

A record number of Britons are flying abroad for Christmas, in pursuit of snow and sun.

Package holidays to The Gam-

bia and the ski slopes of Europe

are well booked, according to

tour operators.

Blue Sky Holidays said that it had sold out of package holidays to The Gambia some

time ago. Its bookings for skiing holidays are up by 30 per cent



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cousin Andrew from being savaged While the pair were playing the dog suddenly jumped on Andrew's back. Simon grabbed it by the collar

and hauled it away, returning it to the owner, and then carried Andrew

walking on his first pair of artificial legs. Since then, he has worn out Bradley Rudgley, aged 12, admitted he was terrified when he rescued his mother, grandmother, sister and her friend, both aged five, from their blazing car after an

> "I was very frightened, but I had to get them out so I just got on with it", said Bradley, of Sheering, Essex. collision and his mother knocked unconscious. Bradley released her seat belt and helped her to safety,

Revellers Tea is still the favourite

Prices at auctions have

prices have risen from about

drink despite rising cost

strong competition from other The British drink an average drinks, tea has retained its of four cups of tea each every

dominant place in British day, about half their total affections, according to the consumption of non-alcoholic

annual report of the Tea beverages. It is more than twice Council, published yesterday.

Despite steep price rises and 168,000 tonnes this year.

6 Emma MacHean, aged two, is recovering from a crippling disease after a bone marrow transplant from @ Louise MacHean, aged four,

had to overcome her own fears about the operation which took place when Emma was aged nine months. "She was terrified", said

Emma faced only a few crippling years of life before the operation at the Westminster Children's Hospital, London.

 Gary Doogan, aged six, saved his best friend Steven Hendry, aged five, from an icy pond on Putney Heath, south London.

Gary ignored his fear of water, grabbed his friend's collar and hauled him out. "It was easy", he

as popular as coffee, and four

cups are drunk for every



Market shares by brand

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Peer's divorce

that he and his wife have lived apart for more than two years. We can't take away the pain this child

heroin after late parties

Lord Gormanston, premier Chief Justice himself has re-viscount of Ireland, died from coully drawn attention to the cently drawn attention to the dangers of cocaine and this is a Gormanston had taken cocaine heroin, an inquest at Westmins - melancholy description of what and heroin. Mr. Walsh said: "I can happen.

Hill, London.

taken for an allergy.

"This is another case of a carried her downstairs to the



Drug epidemic among privileged young In fashionable night clubs past five years but Lord Lane, Cocaine and heroin are cocaine is sold every night at

widespread among the partyprices up to £100 for a gram, going sets of London's weal- and heroin, with a street value thiest districts. Many victims of about £30,000 a pound, is are young businessmen with reckoned by users to be a public school backgrounds, cheaper form of entertainment than going to the cinema or public house. As little as £10 Such people are reckoned to occupy at least a third of the beds at the Charter Clinic in worth can keep a user happy for 24 hours. Chelsea, where treatment for drug dependency costs £20 an

Heroin addiction has multi- heroin and cocaine plied sixfold in Britain in the peculiarly dangerous.

the Lord Chief Justice, recently quoted an expert as saying that cocaine, often called the druguser's champagne, was poten-tially the most lethal drug of the 1980s because many people do not realize how addictive it is. Scotland Yard says that the

latest fashion among the smart set for "speedballing" - mixing

Dilemma for Anglicans

Stalemate on remarriage By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

Mild winter weather was plamed by management at the Church of England has left it with no policy at all; and little hope of one, on the remarriage Heinz baked beans factory at of divorcees in church.

So far. 27 diocesan synods have rejected the most recent scheme for remarking divor-cees, with only 12 in favour. There are five decisions to-come, of which at least two can be predicted with confidence as being against.

This leaves the Church of England with a complete stalemate. Authoritative sources say there is little prospect of another scheme being put forward, two having been rejected so far.

For some time to come. therefore, the decision on whether to marry divorced people in church will depend entirely on the attitude of the local vicar. Each clergyman has right under English civil law

By David Hewson

Arts Correspondent

Senior officers of the British Library predicted yesterday that

the Government's new arts

budget will mean job losses.

cuts in book conservation projects, and the export of

precious books to foreign

Sir Fred Dainton, the chair-man, said the Library had effectively suffered a 15 per cent

cut in grant in the past five years. It had asked the Office of

Arts and Libraries for a 6.5 per

cent increase but had been

given only 3 per cent.

Sir Fred predicted that the Library, which is already planning to shed 50 jobs, will

have to look for more staff

Mr Kenneth Cooper, chief executive, said: With the best

will in the world, there are going

ability to acquire material

The fall of the pound against

the dollar had cost the library £500,000, Mr Cooper said, and the added cost of North

American academic publi-

cations, together with the imposition of VAT on publish-

ing which is thought to be under consideration by the

Government, could cost a further £500,000.

The first victim of the cuts

will he the scheme to help libraries conserve collections of

national importance, which paid out £305,036 last year.

to be some real cuts in our

coming on to the market."

institutions.

reductions.

A substantial "thumbs-down" from the dioceses of the to disregard that policy. The stalemate arises from the repeated wish of the General Synod of the Church of England relationship to find some way of authorizing the civil law.

the remarriage of divorcees, and The verdicts of diocesan the repeated disagreement of the diotesan synods, the clergy in particular, with this policy. Twice now, a detailed scheme has received general synod approval, but been rejected at

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Thatcher portrait blamed

By Our Arts Correspondent

The National Portrait Gallery successful in raising its own

revenues.

A rueful gallery director, Dr

"The publicity about the

picture meant that lots of

people came in to see it, and it

is stil on show and just as

popular. We also had the twentieth century permanent collection open in February and

that brought a lot of visitors

The gallery expects its num-

ber of visitors to rise from

467,000 last year to 581,000 this

John Hayes, yesterday predicted that the cut will mean the end of

touring exhibitions

the diocesan level. Some clergymen will undoubtedly take this as moral grounds for sanctioning remarriage in church. Some have said thay were waiting for a final judgement before relaxing the rules, and will now feel there is no need to wait longer.
The House of Bishops of the general synod, who drew up the proposals now rejected by a

majority of dioceses, will meet in January. Dr Montefiore is expected to urge it to persist, putting its scheme forward for to, ignore the church's policy, synod in spite of the overlaid down nearly 50 years ago, whelming evidence of its that divorcees should not be disfavour. The bishops are final approval in the general allowed a church wedding. An likely to prefer a period of

BRITISH LIBRARY

vesterday blamed the popularity

of a controversial portrait of

Mrs Thatcher for part of its loss

The painting, by Rodrigo

Movnihan, went on show at the

galiery earlier this year, amid publicity about the fact that it

appeared to give the Prime Minister something of a squint.

the gallery's attendances, and

consequently the takings of its

shop, with the result that

Monday's arts budget reduced

paid out £305.036 last year, the body's operating grant by Existing undertakings will be £87,000 it had proved so

Public curiosity has swollen

of government funds.

"pause for reflection", perhaps mittee of inquiry into the between the church's view of marriage, and

synods which have voted so far (since an earlier list was given in The Times on November 2) are as follows (to be carried they must pass in each of the three

houses):
Bath and Wells: Lost, defeated by lairy, overall vote 77 to 75;
Birmingham: Carried, overall vote 87 to 45; Blackburn: Carried, overall vote 63 to 27; Carlisle: Lost, overall vote 63 to 27; Chester: Lost, overall vote 65 to 77; Chester: Lost, overall vote 36 to 91; Derby; Carried overall vote 87 to 59; Durham: Lost, overall vote 35 to 98; Guildford: Lost, defeated by laity, overall vote 67 to 66; Liverpool: Carried, overall vote 69 to 23; Manchester: Carried, overall vote 66 to 57; Newcastle: Lost, overall vote 21 to 51; Ripon: Carried, oto 37; Newcastie: Lost, overall vote 21 to 51; Ripon: Carried, overall vote 75 to 44; Sheffield: Lost, Defeated by bishops, overall 72 to 45; Sodor and Man: Carried, overall vote 86 to 16; Worcester. Lost, overall vote 48 to 67; York: Lost overall vote 66 to 92.

British Caledonian Charter, which provides seats for up to ten tour operators reports a 50 per cent increase in Christmas passengers. British Caledonian s flying home many Britons resident abroad, from places such as Hong Kong. In Britain a white Christmas is unlikely. During this century London has had only four white British Airways has broken

its Christmas mail record by moving 1,275 tonnes through its Heathrow mail terminal in one week. Its busiest day was last Friday.

Air mail coming into London from Europe is up by 16 per cent and correspondence from Britain to the United States has increased British Library's cuts warning

> The AA said that some of the heaviest road traffic yesterday was in Manchester, where there has been a late increase in Christmas shopping. Motorways are not expected to become busy

Airline plans £288 peak return to US

from Gatwick, Prestwick and Belfast next May at peak season return fares of £288. British Emerald Airways is an

Ulster-based company formed last year by New York tours operator Mr Bill Best, and now chaired by Mr Bill Walker, the MP for Tayside North who is secretary of the Conservatives' aviation committee at Westminster. Mr Best announced vesterday

second-hand DCIO, and his aircraft would be registered in Britain and have a British crew. It is predicted that 70 per cent of the airline's traffic would originate in the USA.

A new airline plans to begin cut price flights to New York

he was investing £17 million in

• A new super-ferry costing £40 million is to enter the North Sea service between Harwich and Hamburg within two years to cope with steadily expanding traffic between Britain and Germany. DFDS Scaways announced yesterday.

Prices at auctions have equivalent unit of soft drinks. doubled, largely because of Two thirds of the tea sold is in rapidly - increasing domestic bags. It accounts for \$1 per cent demand in India, and retail of all beverages drunk first thing Lord Camden, aged 53, was in the morning, 75 per cent at granted a special procedure divorce yesterday on the ground 34p to 56p a 125gram packet in breakfast, 67 per cent at midday the past eight months. But and 77 per cent in the demand has remained stable at afternoon

has been through. But with your help,

we'll do our best to make sure it never

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> provide help immediately, for example even if you send as little as £5.60 it would help us to protect a child for one week. When you realise what your money will

achieve, you'll find that having your arm twisted doesn't hurt at all.

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by 36 percent. The mail terminal staff have handled more than 900,000 bags since the beginning

economy, both public and private, was at its highest ever level - about £55 billion - and the Government

expected that total to be exceeded in 1985, reaching nearly £60 billion.

stuck to its economic strategy they were now acting this capital investment, if that was to be

sustained in construction and

elsewhere, they must continue to

control public spending and borrow-ing to keep interest rates down and beat inflation and that was why the

Sir William Chark (Croydon South, C) said the local councils 25,000m reserves were not all in cash. Much of it had been lent out to tenants to help them buy their council homes, and others.

Under the Housing Act 1980 councils were allowed to spend up to 50 per cent of the money they

Clark: Government has

stuck to strategy

received from the sale of bouses and

ind. This had been reduced to 40

per cent and now to 20 per cent. So

Government are doing (he added) is saying the pace at which councils can spend has to be restricted so that demands on the market, by the public sector, is contained within £8,500 million.

It is right for Mr Jenkin, and the Government are to be commended.

for the state of inflation we have had

Mr Enoch Powell (South Down OUP) said even if it took refuge in

the argument that its policy was to reduce taxation, the Government was still destitute for a defence for

the assault it had delivered on local

He and his OUP colleagues were returned to say to the House that their constituents demanded that there be restored to them the same

democratic local government that was enjoyed in the rest of the UK. It

would be a contradiction if they did not use their voice and vote against

the destruction of the democratic principle in the UK.

Mr Geoffrey Rippon (Hexham, C), former secretary of State for the Environment, said Mr Jenkin's statement had appeared irrational and was erratic, in the context of the request by the Prime Minister for a

for many years,

Because the Government had

would look at the problems of the inner cities, some of which were

Mr Jenkin said that the statement had nothing to do with the

substantial sums carmarked under

Mr Rippon said that could be clarified in further discussions with

local authorities. He was concerned

that there was no dialogue between

the Government and local authority

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton

Lab) said the villain of the piece was not Mr Jenkin but Mr Nigel

Lawson, Chancellor of the Ex-

If the Government would not

change its policy it should go and give Labour the chance to get people back to work; to help thousands on

the housing waiting lists who fived in appalling conditions.

Mr Simos Hughes (Southwark and Bermondszy, I.) said it had not been local authorities, but Whitehall which had been overspending in

Mr Howard said he would support

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North

Lab) said that as a result of Mr Jenkin's statement, housing starts next year would be only 36,000 or even less.

now being cut down to the bone.
Millions of pounds that could be
pumped into the economy would be
held up.

Mr Antony Marlow (Northampto

North C) said the Conservatives had not been elected to increase massibely the building of council houses but of private houses.

The procedural motion for the

adjournment was rejected 325 votes to 225 - Government majority 100,

Commons (2.30): Debate on Sir

George Baker's review of Northern Ireland emergency legislation. Mo-tion on Northern Ireland (Emerg-

ency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance) (No 2) Order. Lards (11) Motions on Merchant Shipping (Liner Conferences) Orders and

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Battling against an incessant barrage of interruptions, protests and shouls of disagreement, Mr Patrick Jenkin, ecretary of State for the Environ ment, told the Commons that local. authority receipts from the sale of houses, land and other assets would remain the property of the local authorities and they would be able to spend them in future years.

Defending his previous day's statement detailing new arrangements for curtailing capital spending by local authorities, Mr Jenkin said they had to make sure that the pace at which the receipts were start was competible with the spent was compatible with the Government's spending plans which the Commons had already approved. The emergency debate went to the heart of the Govern-

ment's economic strategy.

He said the Government had not cut the total of public expenditure for 1985-86. "We have kept on course", he said. However, Dr John Cunningha

chief Opposition spokesman on the environment, declared that the Government's record on local government spending was one of broken promises, regular changes of mind, misleading statements and prevarication, all of which added up Opening the debate, he said it would enable them to record views

on the Government's abysmal management. There was a crisis in bousing. The situation was rapidly deteriorating, affecting hom owners, tenants of private landlord and local authorities. Recent studies

Over one million homes were unfit and 400,000 lacked basic amenities. Over half-a-million needed repairs costing more than 17,000 per dwelling and 2½ million homes required repairs costing over 12,000.

A particular worry (be said) and it should be the worry of the whole House, is the increasing level of homelessness, the cost to the taxpayer to board and lodging accomodation payments and the increasing use of hostels and hotels to accomodate homeless families.
Over 80,000 households will be accepted as homeless this Christmas, and many more will be refused

help.
This year would see the lowest number of council house completions ever recorded. The housing starts of the best year of this Government were 214,000, while the lowest number of starts in the lowest number of st private and public housing under the last Labour Government totalled 264,000.

His feelings were shared by everyone associated with the ng and construction industry. Mr Jenkin, the Secretary of State for the Environment, tried to argue yesterday that nothing had chan

continued) as an attempt to mislead In the current year £3,244 million had been allocated to local authorities, new towns and the housing corporation. The revised projection for next year was a reduction of £188 million on that figure. But the total cut in the money available to local authorities was well over £600 million, a real terms cut of about 20 per cent. This was why Mr Jenkin should not have

public to buy shares

been surprised about the reception he got from all over the House

Mr Jeremy Hanley (Richmond and Barnes, C) suggested during ex-changes in the Commons on the sale cation programme in conjunction with the Slock Exchange for the nearly two million people who had become shareholders for the first He added that press reports indicated some of the new shareholders did not fully understand the nature of a stock exchange

Mr Alexander Fletcher, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, replied that he was tempted to ask if Mr Hanley – who is a chartered accountant and senior lecturer in law - might have an interest in that sort of education

There was to be a housing cash

limit of £324 million compared with over £1,000 million in the current financial year. The cut was actually more than £700 million in the new money the Treasury was putting into the housing programme.

It was said this was being done to maintain the cash limit for 1985-86. maintain the cash limit for 1983-86. But he suspected, as did many involved in housing, that this limit was already as good as broken by resources committed for the coming financial year. It would be impossible to maintain it. If the limit were to be enforced in that way the Government would have to declare a total moratorium.

The Government's main argu-

ment was that action was necessary to prevent overspending. But no local authority could overspend by definition. They must balance their budgets. Any overspend in the minds of the Treasury, described by a Tory backbencher yesterday as economics, was simply an attempt to match the real world of local authority services and provid-ing for the needs of the people and infrastructure, to the increasingly unreal world of Treasury economics

and accounting.

There is the gravest suspicion (he said) that the Treasury is using capital receipts as a backdoor method of massaging down the PSBR figures and indirectly financing Government debt. Only the titioners of voodoo econor MP's colourful and accurate phrase. would regard that as justifiable.

It was nonsense, economically and socially, to withold capital receipts from use in local government where they could be making an effective contribution to the regeneration of the British economy. omy, housing people and creating jobs. What had changed since the Prime Minister said that they needed more capital spending by local government and in the public

If it had been right in 1981 for Mr Nigel Lawson, when a Treasury minister, to argue that there should

be no controls over local govern-



up to incompetence

ment of its own capital receipts, why was it right now for Mr Lawson, as Chancellor, to argue that they should be turning on the screw and leading, presumably, to total control of capital receipts.

economy since he changed his post? It was not that there had been an improvement, certainly not in bousing or in the building and

construction industry.
What had changed was that the

continue to encourage wider ownership of shares both by employees and by new investors.

Mr Christopher Hawkins (High Peak, C): The success of the BT issue has given great pleasure to most Conservative MPs. We hope the Government will pursue a policy of extending share ownership to a still wider section of the British republic.

Mr Fletcher: We shall indeed take

his advice, not least through more

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Stockton South, SDP): In addition to the generous price at which BT shares were offered to the public, one of the

were offered to the public, one of the reasons for the great success of the sale of these shares was the change in the marketing and the determined effort that was made publicly

In preparing his White Paper on investor protection will Mr Fletcher look at the old legislation and, while ensuring investor protection, relax the rules a little on advertising and

prosperous offers to ensure the same effort is made with other share sales.

The Government (he said) has tried to work a con trick in saying been abandoned, as had the twenties of millions of pounds but answer housing gross provision is being maintained.

The Government (he said) has commitments given at the time had the twenties of millions of pounds but answer for the twenties of millions of the twenties of m

Apparently, following yesterday's statement, there was no longer a commitment to young people who could not afford to buy to be housed

by councils. The commitment had been ditched by the Government.

Since he said that people should look to the private market could Mr Jenkin explain his department's Jenish explain his department's press notice yesterday which said that building was decreasing in the private, as well as the public sector, under his policies? Did the Government not realize that the everyday experience for millions of people is a smalling and implements. people is appalling and inadequationsing was abysmal?

Did it not recognize the long-term damage to people's health of bad housing conditions and that every child living in overcrowded accomodation, short of space, of peace and quiet, short of the ability property to communicate with parents, was a child probably damaged for life?

Was there no feeling among

ministers about all that? How incredibly stupid it was to allow the housing stock, urban infrastructure and the education provision of the country to deteriorate and to believe it was sound economics. To the question whether the Government ognized the effect of all that on

tration was imposing appalling sacrifices on people through its policies. Conservative MPs should not shoot the messenger as they had yesterday. Now was a time to force a change if they wanted one. they are concerned about democracy, employment, about the building and construction industry, and above all concerned about people (he said) they will join us in the lobbies.

The Government's plans for local

authority capital spending remained exactly as provided in the Autumn can spend these capital receipts on housing or whatever wit out borrowing more money and without raising extra taxation. For the life of

me. I cannot see the economic me. I cannot see the economic objection to that. Mr Jenkin said that in the last two years local authorities in England and Wales had been spending relatively well above the Government's cash limits for each year. In 1983-84, the overspend in England was £368 million. For the present year it could be £500 million even after the Government's request for restraint.

Councils were able to exceed that national cash limit because they were free to spend part of the receipts from the sale of council houses and other assets on top of their allocations. Because of the

ubted success of the right to policy, the total amount of buy policy, the total amount of unspent capital receipts was now £5,000 million. If councils were to spend as much of this as they were allowed under present rules there would be another large national overspend in 1985-86. It could amount to £1,000 million

or even more. That would be a direct claim on the contingency reserve. It would add to the public sector borrowing requirement.
(Loud and long interruptions)
The issue is at the heart of the

Mr Alsa Williams, an Opposition spokesman on trade: Would Mr Fletcher be pleased with and reemploy a broker who sold his shares for half price, or would he be running to a solicitor to take action

for incompetence and negligence?

Mr Fletcher: He has the wrong end of the stick. It is quite incorrect to conclude that the offer could have been made at today's price or at any increase in price on that on which the offer was made. The current the offer was made. The current in the offer was made.

price reflects a marginal demand -

an excess of willing buyers over killing sellers. That will always be the case in issues of this kind.

Later, Mr Fletcher said his department was investigating care-fully the cases involving multiple applications for BT shares brought

British trade

with Libya

defended

biger scale than usual they can Mr Chaumon said UK trade with make sure people who wish to buy thares, including small investors, are able to do so.

Mr Chaumon said UK trade with Libya contributed £50.5m in 1983 and £54.2m in 1984 (January to October) to the UK's visible balance

Labour MPs criticized United Kingdom trade with Libya during Commons questions, but Mr Paul Channon, Minister for Trade, said if Britain traded only with those relations with Libya. So it is

State for the Environment, said that Mr Conningham had forgotten that when Labour was in office there had been a cut in capital expenditure on

Conservative MPs should bear in mind that if Labour had been in office, there would have been no council house sales, and no capital receipts. The only way that party could have sustained a capital avestment programme for be would have been by higher borrowing or higher textation. Public expenditure plans for next year had been announced in the

Autumn Statement on November 2 and approved by the House on

He had been asked why this iffected the PSBR. When a council sold a house, say for £10,000, that money, if it was not spent in the year in which it was received, would be used either to reduce the ancil's borrowing or it would lend on to someone else. In either case it

on to someome else. In either case it reduced the council's net borrowing. That reduction in borrowing reduced total public sector borrowing requirement for the year in which that £10,000 was received. These reductions had already been taken into account each year in the public expenditure. White Paper figures. If in a later year the council decided to spend that £10,000, then it would have to borrow back the money in order to finance it.

Dr Cunningham: If this kindergarcs is true now, why was it not true in 1981? Mr Jenkin: It was true then. When the receipts were taken in and not spent, they went to reduce the claim on the PSBR.

Dr Cunningham: He has a strange memory. In 1981 there were no central Government imposed con-trols on expenditure of receipts of local authorities. Mr Jenkin: It was taken into

statement.

Mr Douglas Hogg (Grantham, C):
The local authorities have in their possession capital receipts. They being accounted for twice. Mr Peter Tapsell (Lindsey East C):

In the leading article in the Financial Times today, the newspaper considers that argument in some detail and concluded that it was 'a purely statistical consider-ation with no real relevance.

Mr Jenkin: I have read it. That writer is not responsible for making the figures add up at the end of the day. (Interrupions) Mr Geoffrey Rippon (Hexham, C): There are some of us who would like to help him. We do not want to vote

with the Opposition. In a real world, could be give some assurance to local authorities who are in great difficulty, that be would at least abandon from time to time this irrational argument and say that he will give them some latitude in public capital expendi-ture? That would at least help us.

Mr. Jenkin: These are not academic arguments. They are real arguments which affect the management of the The Government agreed that the public sector must continue to

of payments.
Mr Kevia Barron (Rother Valley,
Lab): The Prime Minister has
commented on the NUM trip to
Libya, but it is hypocrisy for her to
have such money as Mr Channon
has mentioned coming into the
country from Libya. Is any of the
money being laundered into the
Tory nerty?

Tory party?

Mr Channou told him that trading with a country did not imply approval of its regime. Britain traded with many countries whose behaviour it did not like. That was not henceisy.

not hypocrisy.

He was astonished that Mr
Barron should repudiate his own
leader who said of the miners in

leader who said of the miners in Libya that any offer to them would be an insult to everything the British Labour movement stood for.

Mr Harry Greenway (Ealing North, C): The NUM went to a country which does not allow any free trade unions. What trade is likely to come out of the deal between Mr. Scargill and the Libyans regime?

Mr. Channer reclied mid lengthers.

Mr Chamson replied amid isoghter: None whatsoever.

speeding up of capital expenditure. It was impossible to plan public provide housing for those who could not afford to buy or who had expenditure except on a rational and long-term basis. special needs. The public sector housing programme for next year would be £3,055 million. Those public resources had to be better directed. Massive increases in the

Educating

first-time investors and 184,000 over the country. The stockbroking whose regime Britain liked she continue to encourage wider continue to encourage wider ownership of shares both by training Libyan nationals in com-puter technology which is easily adapted for military purposes. That implies tacit approval of the Libyan

> Mr Chamon: He is wrong. Whether or not we have diplomatic relations with a country, we try not to impede normal exchanges, including normal civil trade between us. That policy was followed by Labour govern-

ments.
Mr John Evans (St Heleus North,
Lab) asked if Libyan leaders of
industry wishing to trade with
Britain had adequate access to the country. Mr Channon said he had heard no

> UK to press for progress on insurance

Four court cases are pending on the issue of a free market for insurance within the European Community and the Government is intervening in each of them, Mr Paul Cleamon, Minister-for Trade, said during Commons questions.

The oral hearings in the first two cases had been set down for next March. Finance ministers discussed the proposed directive on freedom

general the Government would continue to press for rapid progress towards a free EEC market for He was replying to Mr David Heathcoat-Amory (Wells, C), who had asked: When is the EEC going

to give substance to its claim to be a to give substance to us cann to be a common market? For instance, when is the European Court going to take effective action against those countries which continue to block our insurance industry?

The British people really are getting tired of paying an expensive membership fee for the EEC.

Mr Bryan Gould, an Opposition spokesman on trade and industry. The minister has fobbed as off with

a meaningless answer. Ar a time when trade with the EEC on manufacturing is running at an annual deficit of £9,000 million, is it not time he insisted we had proper access for the British insurance industry to the common market and the other providers of financial services? Has he not allowed the Germans

and others who have been obstructive for a long time to get away with it for far too long? Mr Channer: I have given the best and most truthful answer I can. It is all very well to say I must insist on certain cases that take place. There is no way of imissing in these cases. Nothing will happen until these court cases are sottled. **Press Council rebuke for The Times**

on as they are chamber and refuse to be used as a mere rubber stamp. The time had come for the House to reconsider its

practice in relation to the control and review of statutory instruments.

changing the convention on the type and quality of power which could be reserved for secondary legislation. The House must be equally

prepared to change radically its

convention to meet this new

Lord Dunleath (Ind) said the lack of

democracy in the House was an advantage. Coupled with the strength of the back benchers and

the Alliance, it meant that the Government was not so easily able

Government was not so easily able to buildone as was the case with a three-line whip in the Commons. This was of tremendous value.

He supported the status due of the House as it was with the combination of the vest experience and expertise of the life peers and the stimulus of the young, lively minds of the hereditary poers. This provided a good balance. There was no incentive to socak unless the

no incentive to speak unless the

Lord Shackleton (Lab) said they were all devoted to Viscount Whitelew, Leader of the House, but

ne stoud do someting about the extent to which peers were abusing their freedom. The situation was much worse than when there was only a small attendance. The House could only survive if it exercised self-discipline and did not allow constitute to the confidently them.

questions to so on endlessly, many of them in an improper form.

The Earl of Halsbury (Ind) said

most urgent task which was to reach

agreement with the Commons on what each House was there for and

how both were to discharge their

functions on co-operative elements in a partnership rather than as opponents on a battlefield. Such an

agreement would not be reached in a hurry and they should carry on as they were for the time being.

Lord Cledwyn of Pearbos, leader of

the Opposition, said the House of Lords had an essential function to

performand the experience of the last few years had brought that into focus. The constitution of the country would be much poorer without the House. They had not

We should do our retmost (he continued) to make this House an effective working legislature with power to be a check on a Government which is unhappily at

this time out of touch with reality

viscount Whitelew, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House, said he had been unwise to

make his remarks about peers not pushing their views too far and too often, but he had hoped they would be picked up by colleagues in the Commons who had been criticising.

Perhaps I expressed that in a

moment of frustration (he said) and perhaps that was unwise. But in

exceeded their powers.

HOUSE OF LORDS

Was withdrawal of the Conservative whip from Lord Alport for his autspoken criticism of Government courspoken entiretism of Government policy, an indication of a new regime of harsh discriptine to be imposed on the Government benches, Land Houghton of Sowarby (Lab) asked in opening a debate in the House of Lords calling attention to the role of the House of Lords.

Until the news, which had come as a shock, he said he had been feeling guilty about introducing a

is a stock, he said he had been feeling guilty about introducing a somewhat ponderous subject just before the senson of peace and goodwill. But the disciplinary action

goodwill, but the disapiniary action against Lord Alport had given the subject a new topicality.

It looked as if the Government Chief Whip, Lord Denham, was giving a short sharp crack of the whip across the Government brocket as a warming short that there benches as a warning shot that there must be a greater degree of discipline on the Government side

discipline on the Government side of the House.

That would be contrary to the general direction in which a large section of the House wished to so What has happened (he said) may have been the sound and fury behind the genial words of the Leader of the House (Viscount Whitelswim) in November, when he Mr Michael Howard (Folkestone and Hythe, C) said he found himself a little puzzled why many Conservitive MPs had criticized these proposals, particularly when so many of them voted in support of the Government after the debate on the Autumn Statument.

The proposals appounded vester-Leader of the House (Viscount Whitelsaw) in November, when he told the House that if we pushed our views too far and too often, we might on occasion be in danger of incurring the displeasure of the elected chamber. The proposals announced yester-day were foreshadowed in that statement and formed a central part Mr Charles Irving (Cheltenham, C): I do not recall reading anything about this in the Autumn State-

We ought now to consider where we stand in relation to this very rare occurance (he continued) and where we believe our daty

For 70 years there had been talk of reforming the House of Lords but for all the talk it had come to nothing. Apart from the creation of life peers, there had been nothing done since 1911 which made any substantial difference to the consti-jutional position of the House.



Thatcher's poodles We should stop talking about reform (he said), firmly reject abolition, brush off our detractions

abolium, brush ou our questactous and get on with the job. We must work out an up-to-date role for ourselves in dramatically changing conditions. We have had to put up with disparaging and snide remarks, abuse, cruel jokes and threats far too long. We have left the kettle call the saucepan black in dignified silence. Lord Hoosen (L) said the House should be reformed and reconsti-tuted but while unreformed should perform its duty as a second

view of what has been done since I became Leader of the House, I do believe this House has a duty to make the Government think again. Since this Government came into power that has been done.

Debate on Bill to set up RAF trainer teachers' pay review body refused The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) rejected a request by Mr David Ashby (North West Leicestershire, C) for an emergency debate on the Government's decision not to buy a

Mr Archy Kirkwood (Roxburgh and Berwickshire, L) was given leave to bring in a Bill to set up an independent pay review body to fix the pay and conditions of service of Secretics teachers.

Scottish teachers.

He argued that their pay had fallen badly behind average earnings and prices while their workload had increased substantially. Such a review would help improve teachers morale which had declined badly in Switzerland. This would be a great

British-made replacement to the

The Teachers (Independent Pay Review) (Scotland) Bill was read a first time.

Switzerland. This would be a great disappointment to those working on the Hunter Firecracker, the British contender for the contract.

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Mr Fletcher: We are planning to replace the existing Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act. That will be the subject of a White Paper to be The sale of shares in this way (he said) and on such a scale is an education programme in itself – not least for the Opposition. Over two million people purchased BT shares including many. published early next year. Certainly there are lessons to be learnt from the BT privatization. There are many hundreds of thousand of willing investors all



Mary Hayley Bell), at Heathrow airport yesterday on their way to spend Christmas in Antiqua.

Snaps trap molester Holiday snaps taken by a to Scotland Yard with a warning letter. A policeman recognized Stephen Phillips and 23 a few spaces.

Court was told yesterday.

phen Phillips, aged 23, a former hotel porter in the photographs and when arrested Phillips bring a three-year reign of terror to an end, the Central Criminal

confessed, Mr Geoffrey Mercer, The tourist, a doctor, had for the prosecution, said.

Phillips, of West End Lane, suspicions about a man who Kilburn, was jailed for seven years after admitting a number approached his two young daughters in Hyde Park and

diary story about Larry Adler, either communist or subvers-

the mouth organist, was accurate, The Times should have been prepared to publish a short letter setting the record straight from his point of view, the Press Council said today.

Simple Community or subversive. He wrote again on similar lines next day.

Almost two months later Mr Adler's solicitors, B. M. Birnberg & Co., of Borough High Street, London Bridge, The council partly upheld a wrote to the complaint by Mr Adler that correction. having published a diary item Mr Anto

containing factual inaccuracies the editor declined to correct

being blacklisted as a communist subversive. It added that Adler himself who told Miss have long memories."

said his fellow Affleticans bad. He also noted that in his own not tried to take away his "One Man's Week" column in United States.

The decision to live in the Mr Whitaker said he was spoke to them. He took several of indecent assaults on boys and United Kingdom was entirely quite satisfied that the newsphotographs and later sent them girls aged between seven and 12.

Mr Antony Whitaker, legal manager, said that the author, Miss Angela Gordon, had gone

to the trouble before publication The item recalled that Mr of clearing the salient points of Adler was driven out of the what she was going to say about United States in 1949 after him.

the Americans, who attempted to strip him of his citizenship in 1956, refused to grant him concert fixtures when he returned because, according to an Mr Tim Devlin, in The Times inpresario: "Republican ladies of June 2, 1973, in which Mr Devlin wrote that one of Mr On the day the item apAdler's worst periods of peared, Mr Adler wrote to the writer that it was a nice piece was hounded out of Hollywood but he had a few niggles. He said his fellow Americans had He also noted that in his own

in his passport, so that he would be unable to travel outside the activities blacked us right out of

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not think the "niggles" men-tioned in Mr Adler's first letter not think the "niggles" men-tioned in Mr Adler's first letter warranted correction, especially that the nems were published in as Mr Adler was the source of sood faith. The Times has

Chambers, the Association's

the information.

The Press Council's adjudication was:

What was apparently intended as a maintained their accuracy, relying on its interpretation of them, its writer's account of her conversation with Mr. Adler, and earlier published references to his career. what was apparently intended as a friendly paragraph in The Times Diary, about the mouth organist Larry Adler, included four points which he said were inaccurate.

Mr Adler said he was not driven out of the United States as The

Child drugs 'Inadequate'

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent The Government's proposed limited list of National Health Service drugs is "seriously lulose granules which had to be inadequate" for children's needs, the British Paediatric Paediatric Paediatric The list seems to have been inhaled by a very small child drugs are referred to the provisional list was methylcely independent to provide bulk. There might be a risk that the granules would be inhaled by a very small child drugs are referred to the provisional list was methylcely and the drawn up without taking their needs into account" Dr Tim Chambers, the Association

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US presents united Nato to counter Kremlin Star Wars propaganda

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The Reagan Administration not to appear at odds with Foreign Minister. The talks is confident that the Soviet Britain or other Nato allies on will also cover intermediate-Union will not be able to drive a propaganda wedge between Washington and its European Nato allies on President Reagan's controversial Wars" defence initiative. "Star

Mrs Margaret Thatcher will brief Mr Reagan at Saturday's Camp David meeting on her in Britain with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov on the prospects for arms control,

the Star Wars programme. The Administration has repeatedly pointed out that the President's strategic defence initiative - the so-called Star Wars pro-

will also cover intermediate-range and strategic nuclear

general concern about prevent-

DE ADY militarization of space.

a view shared by the Adminis-

tration. A senior Reagan official told The Times that

Washington was confident of allied support for the research

The Administration main-

tains that the strategic defence

initiative will not, contrary to

Moscow's claim, violate the 1972 Soviet-US anti-ballistic

missile treaty. Washington, however, is not willing to accept

loscow's call for a moratorium

at the outset of the Geneva talks on the testing of anit-sat-ellite weapons, although it is ready to discuss the issue in the

claim that Moscow's tactics are

from the US on the Star Wars

issue and prevent further American testing of anti-satel-lite weapons early next year -

weapons in which Moscow has

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defeace Secretary, said this week that in his talks with

recently, she shared the feeling

Thatcher in London

Administration

a lead already.

Union describes as the demilitarization of space in the Geneva talks next month between Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, and Mr Washington is determined Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet

CBS man defends Vietnam programme

New York (NYT) - Mr official listing of enemy George Crile, producer of a strength, disputed CBS documentary on Mr Crile conceded that the the Vietnam war, has described the calculation of enemy strength by General William C. strength by General William C. House, but insisted that it Westmoreland's command in incorporated "fake and dis-1967 as "akin to an intelligence

libel suit against the network in real capabilities during the Tet the Federal Court in Manhattan, said the General's com-mand had engaged in a "shell game" in its estimates of North Vietnamese and Vietcong troop strength in the months preced-ing the communists' Tet offensive of January 1968.

He said the command's low figures for the enemy misled American leaders and deprived policies at a "critical juncture"

His eyes fixed on the jury, supporting gestures, the producer, aged 39, spent the afternoon being cross-examined by Mr David Boies, the lawyer for CBS. Mr Crile had been 70 years old and retired, commanded US forces in from January 1964 to

Westmoreland's lawyer. Using an August 1967 cable from General Westmoreland's Washington had not been kept ememy in late 1967. in the dark about Saigon's

40 arrests

cable had been widely distributed, even perhaps to the White

Under cross-examination Mr Mr Crile, testifying for the Crile was adamant that military seventh day on Tuesday at leaders had provided a "dis-General Westmoreland's \$120 torted picture" of a "degraded" million (about £100 million) enemy who soon showed his

been a military victory for the North Vietnamese and Viet cong forces, Mr Crile said, but i dealt a "devastating psychologi-cal" blow to the "aura of optimism" fostered by the Administration of President Johnson.

Mr Burt had accused Mr them of the ability to reassess Crile of fabricating parts of that Enemy: A Vietnam Deception, and on Tuesday Mr Boies asked hands cupped and flapping in Mr Crile: "Did you make up anything in connection with the

famed him by saying he had headquarters to high-ranking deceived President Johnson and military and civilian officials, the Joint Chiefs of Staff about Mr Burt attempted to show that the true size and nature of the

The hearing went into a twodecision to delete the Vietcong's week holiday recess after a juror self-defence forces from the became ill.

Professor : in Austrian | claims Bach music find dam protest

From Christopher Thomas Washington

Vienna (Reuter) – Six policemen and 11 protesters were hurt yesterday when Austrian police cleared people blocking work on a dam that environmentalists say will de-stroy one of the last primeval forests in Europe. Eight hundred policemen were ordered into the forest of

Hainburg, on the Danube between Vienna and the Czechoslovak border, to move 1,500 environmentalists camping in freezing weather. Forty people were arrested. Protesters say the hydroelec-tric project will destroy the forest, because the dam will greatly reduce flooding needed for the ecological system to

Hundreds of protesters had flocked to the site to obstruct tree felling and demand the halting of construction pending

Yesterday's injuries and arrests happened after pro-testers attempted to break through a police cordon. Herr Gunther Nenning, a journalist and opponent of the dam, accused the police of brutality against people indulg-ing in passive resistance. "I saw women and children being

Police denied the charges. They said they had used force only in self-defence.

LINZ: An oil slick, believed to be from a barge, was moving along the Dannbe yesterday between Vienna and Linz.

A Harvard professor of music says he has discovered 33 previously unknown compo-sitions by Johann Sebastian Bach, composed between 1700 and about 1708 when Bach was in his late teens and early

Professor Christoph Wolff, chairman of Harvard's music department, said he found the works, which are all for organ, in the Yale University library. The rather embarrassing and amusing thing is that it took someone from Harvard to show Yale what they have."

A bound manuscript containing the works has been the property of Yale since 1873. It has been kept in Yale's Beinecke rare book and manuscript library recently. The manuscript includes 83 works by various composers, including several other members of the Bach family Mr Wolff said.

Previously, it was known only that the manuscript contained organ music of the late 17th and 18th centuries.

Professor Wolff has been researching in the Yale library for several years.

He insisted that there could be no doubt about the authenticity of the works by J. S. Bach. He has played the newly discovered works on an organ. "The overall quality is remarkable."

Spanish hopes rise for **EEC** deal next month

From Ian Murray, Brussels

Señor Fernando Morán, the Spanish Foreign Minister, is hopeful that negotiations for his country to join the EEC can be successfully concluded next

His optimism came yesterday in Brussels after he reached agreement on three more areas. needing to be settled. The most important of those to Britain covered the way to phase out Spain's high industrial tariffs on goods such as domestic appliances and cars.

At the moment British cars are virtually excluded from the Spanish market because a tax of more than 36 per cent is levied on them. Other items, such as refrigerators, have tax levels of

more than 20 per cent. Under the new agreement Spain will eliminate its import taxes progressively over seven they will come down by just

At the same time Spain is to allow in a quota of 32,000 cars

in the year it joins at a rate of no more than 17.4 per cent. This quota will rise to 36,000 to the next year and to 40,000 in the third year, by which time the lower tariff levels will be in

Britain and Italy have been told they will have 2,000 cars of the quota each reserved exclusively for them while the rest will be available to whoever can sell

The second agreement covered steel production. For the first three years after joining the Community Spain will be allowed to sell no more than 1973 500 toward a year to other 827,500 tonnes a year to other member states, unless there is a surge in demand. That is slightly above its present export level to the EEC.

The third area agreed was on Spanish representation in the Community institutions. It is to have 60 Euro-MPs.

The most difficult nego-



Pointing the way: Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, at a Pentapon press conference after winning an internal Cabinet battle over military spending

arms race or a continuation of dollar contract to evaluate the the arms race". Congress has already voted

money for the strategic defence initiative research programme and the Pentagon this week named 10 industry teams to make the first studies of concepts for the Administration's \$30 billion (£25 billion) Star Wars space-based missile

es, such as lasers, to be used in the programme. The strategic defence initiative would be signed to protect US missiles. The teams were asked to submit their results in about five months, when other conThree months at the UN

More power to the West

From Zoriana Pysariwsky New York

the legacy of colonialism.

apartheid resolutions.

posed for more than a decade.

Madagascar elected

to Security Council

United Nations General sembly GENERAL rose on Tuesday ASSEMBLY is being seen as

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return of Western influence to a body previously ruled by radical nterests. Diplomats are hailing it as the most moderate session hardline arguments once taken esoteric and outdated.

This new moderation permeated most of the 14t items debated over the threemonth period and bears the mark of a determination by the United States to respond aggressively to anti-Western deeds and rhetoric in the

crisis of the world's crippling economy and a Third World awareness that it must look to the West for answers, not through confrontation but ac-

The decision by the Reagan Administration in 1983 to reduce aid to Zimbabwe partly because of its UN voting pattern has cast a long shadow In one of its final acts of the session, the Assembly elected Madagascar to fill the African over the assembly.

One highlight is the consenseat on the Security Council for sus declaration on the economic two years from January. After a long battle, Madagascar received 126 votes. Ethiopia crisis in Africa which blended Western interests with African needs to produce a practical and Somalia had earlier cam blueprint for change. Missing paigned for the seat, but withdrew when it became clear are the anti-West slogans, and, much to the dismay of the

Africans that their problems are colonial situations and the Israelis defeated a credentials Ironically, at a time when the challenge by Iran.

Reagan Administration is under At the start of

At the start of the Assembly domestic pressure to remove its in September, Mr George investment from South Africa, Shultz, the US Secretary of the Assembly voted to remove State, met his Soviet counterreferences to American collupart Mr Andrei Gromyko, and sion with Pretoria in its antiset the groundwork for what The shifting fortunes of the the start of an American-Soviet Palestine Liberation Organizrapprochement in the New

ation and the disappearance of even a semblance of Arab unity Mr Gromyko's proposals or strengthened Israel's diplomatic a ban on space weapons and state terrorism fared poorly, position and brought it out of an international isolation imhowever. The former was withdrawn for lack of support and the latter was amended. Radical Arab states lost

ground on many of the key The Soviet Union suffered its Middle East resolutions. In the greatest defeat in the Assembly Middle East debates the interwhen 119 countries condemned national community began moving away from viewing the its invasion of Afghanistan, demonstrating that censure of antagonists of the region exclusthe occupation would not fade ively through an anti-Israel with time. The Association of South

East Asian countries increased committee, the US removed its majority on a resolution condemning Vietnam's occu-pation of Cambodia. references to Israel on resolutions broadly dealing with

Iran's tendency to play the iconoclast of the international community worked against it on an anti-Iraqi chemica weapons resolution which in normal circumstances would

have been easily adopted, A scarcely noticed resolution setting up a convention against sembly's most significant achievement. Unlike most ressignificant olutions which are simply normally binding. The treaty, when ratified, will become part of a state's legal code.

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TO THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION!

Weinberger deplores paper's disclosure of shuttle spy mission

From Christopher Thomas Washington Mr Caspar Weinberger, the

US Defence Secretary, yesterday accused The Washington Post of "the height of journal-istic irresponsibility" in revealing that the next space shuttle will carry a military spy satellite to be positioned over the Soviet

It was well known that the shuttle, due for launch on January 23, would carry a secret payload. The Pentagon had reached agreement with news agencies, the television networks and the press to keep the details confidential.

Mr Ben Bradley, Editor-in-Chief of The Washington Past, said that he knew of no requests to the newspaper to keep the Certainly, no request had been received by him. There was little difference between the paper's story and a report that had been broadcast by the Columbia Broadcasting System. Mr Weinberger said the story could affect national security. Mr Bradley insisted: "That argument makes no sense at

The secrecy agreement was announced on Tuesday by Brigadier Richard Abel, Chief

•Moscow Tass yesterday demeasures as "an impenetrable veil of sucurity" designed to hide a military takeover of the entire programme (NYT re-

The report in little more than 300 words, disclosed more in formation about the military aspects of the American space programme than the Soviet press has ever disclosed about its own Government's military Although Western analysts

say the Soviet space programme is largely controlled by the military, the Soviet Union has never acknowledged any military aspect to any of its

Tass said spokesman from the Pentagon and the National Aeronantics and Space Administration "flatiy refused" to disclose the shuttle's flight

of Public Affairs for the Air "We intend to protect the identity, mission and all operational details of Depart-

missions will be by space shuttle. Air Force officials said eight to ten military shuttle missions would be launched each year once the programme was fully under way.

The New York Times, which

clearly knew the nature of the next shuttle mission, did not reveal details in yesterday's issue. A front page story began, somewhat tongue-in-cheek: "Defence Department officials, elaborating on a newly an-nounced policy of secrecy surrounding the space shuttle when it carries military cargo.

acknowledged today that little information would be kept from the Russians but said even that was worth the try." The Washington Post said the new military intelligence satellite would collect electronic signals and transmit them to a US receiving station on Earth. The satellite would be posi-tioned over the western portion

the Soviet Union. It stated: The \$300 million (£250 million) satellite would be the most important and largest of the so-called signals intelligence, or Sigint, satellites, four or five of which already hover ment of Defence payloads", he said.

Over the next three years sources".

make home in Georgia

From Richard Owen Tbilisi

Stalin's daughter Svetlana Alliluyeva, who has not been seen in Moscow for a month, is planning to live in the dictator's native republic of Georgia with her American-born daughter, Olga, informed sources here

There are also reports that Volgograd may revert to the name Stalingrad as part of a growing campaign to rehabili-

tate Stalin's memory. Georgian officials, including Nina Ameridzhibe, chief curator of the Stalin Museum at Gori, Stalin's Georgian birthplace, confirmed that Svetlana had flown from Moscow to Tbilisi last Sunday. She was taken to an official guest house

in the Georgian capital.

Local officials said she had come to her father's homeland to "look around" and to inspect the school which Olga will attend in Ibilisi. Olga, aged 13, is Svetlana's child by her short marriage to an American Russian nor Georgian. Few of Stalin's relatives are

still in Georgia, except for tomorrow, presumably after it Vissarion, the grandson of has been copied. Stalin's son, Yakov, who died in in 1943 after Stalin had refused to exchange him for General von Paulus, the defeated German commander at Stalingrad. Vissarion studies at the Tbilisi Agricultrural Academy, but is serving in the army.

Svetlana caused a sensation

by returning to the Soviet Union from Engalnd at the end of October after 17 years in the West, mostly in the United States. At a press conference on November 16 she claimed she had never felt free in the West for a single day. Her return has coincided

with a growing reassessment of Stalin in the period leading up to next May's celebrations marking the 40th anniversary of the "Victory over Fascism". The Stalin musem at Gori expects a large number of visitors tomorrow, the 105th anniversary of Stalin's birth. Miss Ameridzhibe said she hoped Svetlans would attend the celebrations honouring her I expect it", she said.

One million people have visited the Stalin museum so far this year, breaking all previous records Mr Timur Stepanov, head of

the Georgian news agency Gruzinform, said Stalin's memory was cherished in Gori, and the Soviet war generation still recalled those who had died with Stalin's name on their lips in the fight against Hitler. But Georgians were less enthusiastic about Svetlana, who sought asylum in the West in 1967. "The prodigal daughter has not been forgiven," he said.



Svetlana to South African police

From Michael Horasby, Johannesburg

The South African security police yesterday raided the offices here of Independent Television News (TIN) and seized nearly three dozen video casettes containing film shot in South Africa and other countries over a period of more than two years. The raid appears to

Four policemen in plain clothes turned up at the office in a northern Johannesburg signed by the local magistrate which said the casettes could "afford evidence of the com-

IIN's chief correspo bere, Mr Peter Sharp, is on holiday, and when the police arrived there was only a secretary in the office. She alerted Mr Keith Shaw, a freelance producer, who also works for ITN. In a bizarre scene, ITN then

filmed the police search of its own office. The police eventually took away 33 casettes, for which Mr Shaw signed an inventory. The police told him the material would be returned

Most of the seized film townships, August's elections to the new Indian and coloured mixed racel chambers of Parliament and meetings of the United Democratic Front, a multiracial alliance of extra-parliamentary opposition groups. Eight leading members of the UDF, five of whom took

refuge in the British Consulate in Durban, were charged recently with treason, an

seize ITN film

offence which is very broadly defined in South African law. It seems possible that the ITN film could be used to help to One of the films taken, however, was shot in Decembe 1982 in Maseru, the capital of

members of the underground African National Congress killed in a raid on the town by South African commandos. The search of the ITN office eems to fit in to a pattern of increasing police harassment of foreign television crews. ARD of West Germany and Viznews had video footage confiscated last September after filming a

funeral in Soweto, The film has not been returned, and the West German Embassy in Pretoria was informed earlier this week by the South African Departme of Foreign Affairs that it would

be used as evidence A number of local journalists have been subpoensed recently under section 205 of the Criminal Procedure Act to give information about their con-

In a statement yesterday, the Foreign Correspondents Assaid: "Regardless of the legality of the police action, the raid breaks widly established conventions respecting material gathering by reporters in the normal course of their duties Coercion of reporters and their material into the service of police investigations makes it more difficult for impartial journalists to work in South Africa, and diminishes press

EEC fish ministers in cold water From Ian Murray

Unusually cold waters off

they met here yesterday to negotiate catch levels for next

Scientific advice showed that the cold had driven away large numbers of cod from the traditionally rich fishing banks, At the same time, the experts had discovered that North Sea herring had continued to in-crease, thanks to the tighter controls imposed under the pean Commission to propose there from the 155,000 tonnes allowed last year to 298,000 tonnes next year.

The main problem was posed

by Greenland, which is meant to leave the Community at the turn of the year. Under the agreement covering its depar-ture, it is allowed to fish more than scientific advice says is desirable. That means there would be nothing left for EEC

Moscow chess draw again after 20 moves

Moscow (AP) - World chess champion Anatoly Karpov and Gary Kasparov played to a draw by repetition yesterday in the 34th game of their world title contest and tied the record for most games played in a White, Kasparov, Black, Kar-

optimism challenged

spite chilly weather, but un-official reports from the rest of was low.
Opponents of the Govern-

ment, including the 11-party Movement for the restoration of Democracy, boycotted the referendum, describing it as General Zia's next term is

However, according to a Lahore report, police clashed with protesters near a central mosque when they raised antireferendum and anti-Zia slo-

General Zia brushed aside the suggestion that he might be considered another Third World military dictator. "I never worry who thinks what about me. I am very sincere and

were his constituency and source of strength. He would



using to seek a mandate for another five years in office. He

in the country's sparsely-populated northern areas, de-

parliament meets, possibly in the middle of next year, General Zia has been at the helm since Bhutto government after a controversial general election.

Official television and radio

From Hasan Akhtar

President Zia of Pakistan is confident of a "positive res-ponce" in the referendum he is was speaking yesterday after casting his vote. He claimed a huge turn-out

likely to begin when the new

yesterday claimed a high turnout and reported demon-strations by pro-Zia electors Interviews showed voters af-firming their loyalty to the military ruler.

honest", he told the press. He could not say whether he would give up his posts of army chief and Chief Martial Law Administrator if he got an unambiguous mandate in the referendum. The armed forces

project while much of Africa is in the throes of severe economic

hardship.

Mr Richard Nygard, the American delegate, told the Assembly that the \$73.5 million for the new conference building was not just one more budget addition but represented a "perversion" of the ideals enunciated in the UN Charter. "It was a cruel rebuff to the "It was a cruel rebuff to the poor, the hungry and the downtrodden who have invested their hopes and dreams in the promise of international co-operation."

He asked how member states could take the UN seriously when an Assembly session, focusing on the economic crisis in Africa, made its largest commitment of financial resources for a conference centre. Some critics of the project privately said that it was a symbol of the economic excesses of African governments where money that should be spend on basic necessities was allocated for showpiece pro-The year that Africa claimed the

But Mr James Grant, Execu-

tive Director of Unicel, says

that low cost treatments now

available could save the lives of

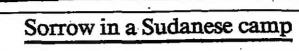
perhaps half of those who die each year in the world's poorest

The most dramatic of the

methods is oral rehydration therapy (ORT), which is esti-

mated to have saved the lives of half a million children in the

Third World during the past 12



From Robert Fisk Toklabab Camp Kassala, Sudan

\$73m for

centre

in Addis

From Zoriana Pysariwsky

On the day that the United

famine in Ethiopia and the country's soaring needs, the General Assembly voted to spend \$73.5 million (£62.3

million) to improve a confer-

One hundred and twenty-one

countries voted in favour of the

resolution to improve the facilities of the Centre for the

Economic Commission for

Africa, a regional economic

advisory body, while Britain, the United States and the

Benelux countries voted against the project. Sixteen other countries, which regarded the

allocation of resources as

wasteful, abstained for fear of

Señor Javier Perez de Cuel-

joined the countries opposed to

the plan in an effort to point out

to the Africans the incongruity

of spending lavish sums on the

Famine area visits

are defended

Gregory , the American comedian who is on a fast in solidarity with Ethiopian famine victims, yesterday defended the infinx of celebrity

visitors to the drought-stricken

could come", he told the Associated Press on the second

I think the world has put an

celebrities can bring certain

issues to people's attention. When the issues deal with

humanitarian causes, people

As he spoke, Senator Edward Kennedy, and his two

children, were preparing to leave Addis Ababa on a four-

day tour of emergency feeding centres. Other celebrities who

have come to Ethiopia include the American actors Chariton

Heston and Cliff Robertson.

day of his fast.

really respond".

Addis Ababa (AP) - Dick

the Secretary-General.

offending African countries.

ence centre in Addis Ababa.

The Little Tigrean Girl sat quite still in Stephane Michon's Nations was discussing ways of filling the wide gap between contributions to alleviate the arms, without the strength to wipe the flies from her eyes and mouth. She was four but she was so small, the skin hung from her tiny, bony arms and legs. There were sores all over her head and she paid no heed she had no name.

wafers inside - and opened the not for her husband and her brothers". The woman vainly tried to push a piece of biscuit into her baby's mouth. The little girl in Stephane's arms

Stephane's queue all day, women with babies that needed injections, old women who might have been faking sickness, a mother who pushed

one. But the little girl with flies on her eyes seemed somehow special.
"She eats a lot but does not grow so we think she must have and held the little girl's head to



Warming smile: A victim of famine being examined by a French doctor on the border between Tigre province and the Sudan. (Photograph: Brian Harris).

who die from measles and other

diseases, leaving a similar number disabled. Several state

governments in India now aim

But the report notes that very

children in the Third World die

from malnutrition, measles or

any other disease alone, "Most of the 40,000 young children

who are dying each day are dying not because they lost a battle but because they lost a

war - a long losing war against the sheer frequency of the

their most vulnerable years."

to immunize all children.

lives of five million children

By Our Foreign Staff

Nearly five million African clinics. Now, it can be pre-next five years. Cheap immuni-children have died during 1984 vented orally by parents in the zation programmes could also

and another five million have child's own home - using the save many lives among the been disabled by malnutrition mass-produced 10-cent sachets estimated five million children

The report argues that oral

rehydration treatment could

save most of the more than four

million children now thought to

die from diarrhoeal dehy-dration. National ORT cam-

paigns have been launched in

over 20 countries, including Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nigeria,

Tanzania, Egypt, Haiti and Brazil. Such dehydration kills almost 10 per cent of all children in Bangladesh.

and disease, according to a of prepacked salts or the even report by the United Nations cheaper home-made solutions Children's Fund published of sugar, salt and water."

yesterday (Wed).

"Previously, dehydration were mobilized, ORT could be could only be treated intravenously by medical personnel in families in the world within the

Left with no time to cry nothing. This morning, we found her just sitting in the Millions receive

I'LL DRINK TO THAT!

Stephane's words. Anyway,

"I have to talk to someone else", Stéphane said, and the woman opposite began to beg for advice. Her baby was hungry, she explained. She had food for it. Stephane produced a thin packet of Oxfam biscuits - there were two Cellophane cover. "Tell her that the biscuits are only for her , she told her interpreter.

seemed to be watching, but with such tiredness. There were other women in emergency aid

Rome, (AFP) – Emergency food aid worth more than \$20m (about £17m) will be provided to help three million victims of war or natural disaster in seven countries, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization said here yesterday. The recipient countries are Burundi, Morocco, Chad, the Philippines, Bangladesh,

Honduras and El Salvador. The World Food Programme will provide Morocco with 10,000 tonnes of cereals which will enable it to feed for 36 days about 694,500 people affected by drought.

seven pills into her baby's mouth and made it vomit until Stephane explained that the pills had to be administered one

her shoulder. "She's an orphan and we have found no one to look after her. Each night, when we leave, we find someone and

desert on her own."

The little girl moved her left

hand slightly, as if exercising her fingers. A simple plastic tag on her spindly wrist named her "Number 508". She was, after all, only one of 35,000 famine victims who have dragged themselves over the Ethiopian border into Sudan. Stephane Michon, one of that

small but brave group of doctors and nurses from the French Medecins Sans Frontières organisation who go to Afghanistan or Uganda or the Ogađen with less ceremony bu often more courage than the big refugee organisations that trum-pet their goodwill. Stephane has been to Uganda and Somalia – which she found worse than Toklabab - and to Rwanda and hailand Bus in Sudan, her supplies are

so low that she is giving pills rather than medicine to the sick. The last 25 boxes of biscuits were due to run out in four days
- some refugees had been trying
to steal them - and while she
had plenty of milk, it was
always mixed with oil to provide more energy. Milk with oil needs sugar - and the sugar was almost finished. Other, less mundane, medical

deficiencies were affecting the latte girl in Stephane's arms, however. For although she had TB. Médecins Sans Frontières cannot administer treatment. This requires a settled home and location which, of course, the little girl numbered 508 did not have. Stephane wanted to send her

to a settlement at Fao where she could receive attention. But in the meantime, who among the hungry broken people at Toklabab would want to look after an orphan with TB? What would happen to the

little girl in Stephane's arms? She bugged the child again and said, half-smiling. She will die, I think. I have her with me as: much as possible to make these days happy for her." The little girl stretched out

her arm, slowly, towards my pen. Stephane took the pen and held my notebook in front of the child. "Hallo", she wrote on it and showed it to the little gri who looked at the meaningless, foreign greeting. Then the girl took the pen and with great concentration through her flycovered eyes, she drew two lines on the notepad and held the pen The little girl had been

brought to the Sudan by an unknown boy. If she must leave it so sadly, she would at least do so with Stephane as her friend.

The had three of these children die here, she said. But I have to accept it. The people here do. They cry for five minutes and then say 'Malesh' and that Allah wanted

But how would Stephane feel if the little girl died? She looked at the child with its covering of flies. Then she waved her right arm through the air. "I shall say next one"," she replied. "They come to me too late sometimes. We have no time to cry. There will be other children in the queue. So I shall say next

Guinea reshuffle in drive on state corruption

From Susan MacDonald Dakar President Lansana Conte of

Guinea said yesterday that state take over the job of Prime Minister and Minister of Defence, in addition to being head of state. He also announced a reshuffle in which nine people left the Government and Eve-

The former Prime Minister, Colonel Diara Traore, remains in the Cabinet as Minister of Education. It was he and not President Conté who had appeared the more public figure after the military coup in Guinea last April which fol-lowed the death of President

Sekou Touré. President Comé gave a assaults on their growth during The State of the World's Children 1985, Oxford University Press, 116 High Street, Oxford, OX1 4BZ. £3.50 (paperback), or £9.95 (hard-back). warning that the changes were only a beginning and other public figures would be elimin-

Peru and Malta criticized by jurists

become "extremely serious" and is deteriorating in Malta according to a survey by the International Commission

In Peru "the escalation of violence, the militarization of society ... combines with violations of human rights represent a serious and specific threat to democracy," the commission's quarterly review

It also criticizes "the tacit tolerance if not provocation of mob violence against the courts, the church and the press," in

Operation Faith nearly finished

gas at the Union Carbide plant at Bhopal has turned out to be larger than experts had esti-mated. One more tonne was neutralized yesterday in what is known as "Operation Faith", and the process is expected to be completed today (Kuldip Nayar writes).

Thousands of people who fled from Bhopal five days ago before the neutralization began, are returning in an endless stream of buses, lorries and carts. An atmosphere of relief has replaced the panic prevalent a few days ago.

Hostages 'alive in Zimbabwe'

Harare - A ransom note claims that six foreign tourists kidnapped by Zimbabwe guerrillas in July 1982 are still alive and will be released if a list of demands is met (Jan Raath

The six are Mr James Greenwell, aged 21 from Liver-pool, and Mr Martin Hodgson. aged 33, from Peterborough; two Australians, Mr Tony Bazjelz aged 27, and Mr William Butler, aged 33, and two Americans, Mr Brett Baldwin, aged 25, and Mr Kevin Ellis, aged 26.

Lebanon dueis Beirut (AP) - Artillery and

rocket exchanges between Christian and Druze militiamen and the Lebanese Army broke out again in the central mountains as efforts continued to salage a government plan to reopen the coastal highway to the Israeli-occupied south. Air strike

Wellington (Reuter) - Christmas air traffic to and from New Zealand was threatened by a strike of Air New Zealand's international flight cabin crews over the introduction of computerized rostering. The cancel-1,200 passengers.

Arson arrests

Noumea (AFP) authorities in New Caledonia are holding six Melanesian suspects after one person died and six were hurt in a store blaze on Sunday. The arrests followed the departure of the French special envoy, M Edgard Pisani, by special plane for Paris, where he will report to President Mitterrand.

Chile blasts

Santiago (Reuter) - Bomb attacks in Santiago and the southern Chilean city of Ranca-gua injured 18 people. The Government said a left-wing group, the Manuel Rodriguez Patriotic Front, had telephoned a warning before the Rancagua

Oberammergau (Reuter) -Guerrillas of the left-wing Red Army Faction planted a bomb which was defused outside a Nato school here yesterday, police said. It was apparently linked with a prison hunger strike by about 35 convicted or Big chill Moscow (Reuter) - Soviet Central Asia (which is accus-tomed to desert heat, is

reporting the coldest winter on record. Temperatures in Tash-kent, the capital of Uzbekistan,

have plunged to -35C (-31F).

Guerrilla bomb

The north-eastern Siberian titles of Verkhoyansk and Oymyakon have recorded -56C (-60F) already.

Deep sleep Frankfurt (AP) - When a wheel of his car in a Frankfurt underground railway tunnel, he told police he had nodded off while driving to work after a night of pre-holiday drinking. Trains were diverted for two hours during the morning rush

Soap opera

Tokyo (AP) - Tokyo massage parlours, generally known as Toruko or Turkish baths, are to change their name after complaints from Turkish residents There was even one which called itself the Turkish Em-bassy, until the real embassy complained that it was receiv-ing telephone calls intended for the massage parlour. From January 1, they will be known as "scaplands" a name chosen in a public competition.

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government. M Laurens also refused to accept the appointment of a codirector in charge of finance. M Fontaine had picked M Philippe Ramond, a former television executive. M Ramond came to the conclusion that the situation at Le Monde lacked the necessary "elan" and unity

to encourage investors. To be appointed editor, a candidate needs a 60 per cent vote by shareholders. The journalists hold 40 per cent of the shares. Some still support M Laurens, who has repeated that the building must be sold.

Today all the shareholders, designed to pick an editor.



Rejection of Fabius TV

debate offer

highlights French divide

M Chirac:

try and from the Government's mpotence."
In M Chirac's view, there was

M Barre:

no sense in engaging in a debate with any of the Socialist Party leaders at the present time because it would simply provide the party with another opportunity to abuse the right convincing reply. After mutual consultation, both said while they would be prepared to engage in such a debate at the time of the parliamentary elections in 1986, now was not to speak on the national television channels, which the Opposition had been refused".

M Chirac was referring to an incident last October when M stances. France has no need of spectacles, whether televized or Fabius was offered a monthly quarter-of-an-hour slot on television to explain the Governcontinuous government action," M Barre said, adding: ment's policies. An indignant Opposition immediately demanded, and was granted, a quarter-of-an-hour right of a debate such as that proposed by M Fabius, save to distract people's attention from the real reply", but in the end turned it

Disunity of left grows over budget vote

From Our Correspondent, Paris

The wide split between surprise, as their 44-member group had been seeking a wide range of amendments to tax French Socialists and Communists, partners in government ions that favour comuntil July, turned into a canyon-like breach when Communist Deputies voted against their former allies at panies and landlords. M André Lajoinis, the communist Parliamentary Communist the end of the 1985 budget leader, said there were 10,000

debate on television. Such challenges normally come from the Opposition to the Govern-

ment rather than vice versa.

M Barre and M Chirac were clearly taken off guard by the

hours to concoct their less than

convincing reply. After mutual

not, but of a coherent, firm and

I do not see the real interest in

this parliamentary step. Since their departure from govern-ment over the Socialists'

austerity programme, they have

engaged in a violent war of

Their vote yesterday against the 1,000 billion franc (£89

billion) budget was not a

Le Monde

candidate

drops out

From Our Correspondent

Paris

to the confusion over the

paper's future when the 200

post, which combines editorial

Shortly before the meeting,

the race to succeed M André Laurens, who resigned a fort-

M Laurens had sought to sell

the paper's headquarters on a

lease-back basis, to cut salaries

and dispense with one of the

two printing presses in an effort

to stem losses, which have amounted to £7 million in

amounted to £7 million in recent years. These have resulted from a 70,000-copy drop in circulation to 360,000 each evening, due to the paper's sombre image and failure to distance itself from the Socialist

and managerial

night ago.

The withdrawal of a front-

ords and abstentions.

the present circum-

millionaires" in France to be debate early yesterday. The Socialists, who have an absolute majority in the Assoaked and called for a doubling of taxes on large sembly, won the vote. fortunes. Communist leaders yester-It was the first time since the left's election victory of 1981 day denied that their party was that the Communists had taken

officially in opposition, but a former Communist minister, M Charles Fiterman, said: Socialism has never been installed in France. There is now a dangerous

stand-off between the two parties before next year's cantonal elections and the 1986 parliamentary elections.

Soon after being appointed Prime Minister last July, M Fabius announced that it would be his aim to seek a political "decrispation" and "Rassemblement". To that end, he invited two opposition MPs to help him with a government inquiry into two areas where he believed political consensus was both possible and desirable -law and order, and the needs of

The offer was rejected out of hand, however, and all M Fabius's other apparently friendly overtures have been met with a similar rebuff, "In a democracy", M. Chirac explained, "the government's role is to assume its responsibilities; it is not the opposition's role to facilitate its task".

In France, where the political complexion of governments change relatively rarely, there is not the same tradition of political give and take as is in Britain. While sessions in the National Assembly are normally much less stormy than in Westminster, it is rare to find deputes of opposing parties exchanging a friendly word in the corridors or meeting for a quiet drink in the bar after a debate. Each camp remains firmly entrenched.

Politics are a serious and A society hostess will take great care not to invite Socialists and Gaullists to the same dinner party for fear of an ugly explosion. To put up a poster in your front window during an election campaign declaring that you are for a certain political party is to invite a brick to be thrown through it.

A striking characteristic of recent local by-elections has been the very high abstention rate of something more than 65 per cent, which is most unusual in France At supposedly increasing politization, it is interesting to note the results of a poll last month asking people what government they would like after the next parliamentary elections: 27 per cent opted for a government of national unity, which made it the equal favourite choice of government along with one consisting of the two main opposition parties.



Santa on wheels: Members of the Longriders Motor-cycle Club of Western Massachusetts escorting a lorry full of toys to US Marine Corps reserves' for distribution to needy families.

Lee admits risk in son's Singapore political début

Mr Lec Kuan Yew, Singa-pore's Prime Minister, admitted yesterday that the entry of his son into politics was a gamble for both of them. At a rally of his People's

Action Party in the run-up to Saturday's general election, he said that if his son, Brigadier Lee Hsien Loong, failed to come up to expectations "he's in for a nasty time – and I'm in for a ruinous time".

Nevertheless, Mr Lee said, his son was among six of 26 candidates introduced by the party who were capable of being much more than MPs. His comments yesterday struck Today all the shareholders, a rare personal note in a journalists and non-journalists, will hold a mass meeting will be his last before retiring designed to pick an editor.

From Stephen Taylor, Singapore President with duties yet to be defined by Parliament.

Brigadier Lee, aged 32, retired as Deputy Commander of the Defence Forces, earlier this year to enter politics. giving rise to suggestions that his father is trying to start a dynasty. A prominent figure during the campaign, the brigadier's personal appeal has made an impression on an electorate dulled by virtual

one-party rule. . Voters have been taking an unusual interest in the railies of opposition candidates, with those of Mr Ben Jeyaretnam's Workers' Party and the Singapore Democratic Party of Mr Chiam See Tong being particu-larly well attended. Times Profile, page 8

Another crisis in the Basque country

Leader sacked in party wrangle

From Richard Wigg

The Basque Nationalist Party

yesterday added a remarkable new page to nearly a century of dramatic ups and downs by dismissing its Chief Minister, the man who led it in the regional election last February.

Senor Carlos Garaicoechea, aged 46, who had contributed much in the past five years as chief executive to rebuild the Basque autonomous state, crushed by Franco after the civil war, was sacked because he refused to accept the party's ruling on a distribution of financial powers between his government and the three provinces which constitute the

basque country. The party has denied me

sizing that it was not a formal resignation. The party statutes require. however, that all members hold office at party

discretion. A successor is now being sought to fill the power vacuum Spain's northern region, much troubled by ETA terrorism.

The party lacks a majority in the hung Parliament which emerged last February, and Senor Garaicoechea's supporters want to fight the party executive. The Chief Minister was negotiating a pact with the dominated by Senor Xabier Basque-Sociolists which have Arzallus, a former party chair-offered a similar understanding man and former Jesuit with to his successor.

indispensable support," Senor Garaicoechea was Garaicoechea said yesterday defeated by the peculiar but before informing the Speaker of the Basque Parliament, emphathe ancient fueros [rights] behind the two Carlist wars fought last century. But it was a dispute over who

controls the purse strings which sparked the crisis. Basque taxes are collected by the provinces which resented the Chief Minister's insistence that the Basque Government should have full powers to decide public spend-

Señor Garaicoechea represented the more modern social democratic wing of the middle-of-the-road nationalist party, while the executive is still dominated by Senor Xabier conservative views.

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Theatre: Irving Wardle on new productions in Paris and London

No escape from sacred repertory

shop window, Paris theatre does most of its business with safe old brand names. Consult the listings, and there they all are again: the same charmed circle of favoured authors and indestructible stars. Madeleine Renaud still giving her Happy Days at the Rond-Point, Edwige Feuillère supposedly bidding her public farewell in Anouilh's Leocadia at the Champs-Ely-sées; Jean Meyer – whom I first saw in Feydeau's Le Dindon in the 1950s – directing that same farce at the Palais-

Meyer, thirty years ago, was playing with the Comédie-Française; and, as you comb through the Right Bank shows, it does seem as if the Comédie trains up its sociétaires to go out and colonize the commercial hinterland. The Variétés, for nistance, is presenting Les Temps difficiles, an interesting piece by Edouard Bourdet, a pre-war administrator of the Comedic, directed by Pierre Dux, who lately held the same job and who has just made his comeback in Beckett's Compagnie at the Rond-Point. As for the sacred repertory, there is no escaping it, even for arch-rebels like Jérôme Savary, who now populaire in Montpellier with running seasons at the Mogador. Here the old Savary is still visible in a children's show, The Pig who went on a diet to marry a Pigess (not to mention a forthcoming return of the Grand Magic Circus); but what is really pulling the crowds into the Mogador is Savary's production of Cyrano de Bergerac.

To verify the feeling that nothing changes in Paris, I made a nostalgic return to the 60-seat Theatre de la Hüchette nome of the Ionesco double bill that has been playing there since 1957. I was wrong. Not that the two productions have altered a scrap, but their director, Nicholas Bataille, has at last added a third. You sit through the embalmed routines of La Cantarrice chaure and La Lecon; and then – in *Offenhach, tu connais?* – you see the company wearily assembling in a cramped dressing room to prepare for yet another performance of the show they have been doing for the past 28 years. Anything rather than that. What about an escape into operetta? And, with the aid of mops, make-up towels, dustbin lids and a moody rehearsal pianist, they take off into La Périchole and La Belle Hélène, culminating with a spirited gallop executed in the sitting position. Ionesco it is not; but by that stage of the evening you are as grateful as the cast for a bit of povertytheatre glamour. . A glance through the boulevard listings

does not stir much interest in the upmarket alternatives. One address offers a comedy about France's first wonan President whose husband promptly defects from the Elysée; another the sad story of an anorexic in a family of big eaters. You are hardly spoilt for choice when it comes to new writing; and the only novelty I decided to risk was a piece that first appeared in 1934. Billed as "un Dallas bien français", Les

Temps difficiles completes the cycle of bourgeois satires that Bourdet wrote during the Depression: a time when France experienced a deluge of industrial disasters, political scandals and govern-

Kissing God

Like Crystal Clear.

a horrendous love affair.

Young's new company-devised

piece opens with the delicate

first moves in what proves to be

Amy, lately installed in a bed-

sit which she has crammed with her teddy-bears and Tokyo

souvenirs, receives a shy visit from her Mark, an obliging

landlord who instantly agrees to saw down the table-legs to the

Japanese height to accommo-

date her jigsaws, and then sits

entranced at the story of her

By scene two, he has escorted

her to Covent Garden and back

home for a bottle of champagne, at which point it emerges that her only interest in him is as a

heroin addict from whom she

wants her first fix.

Amy's friend Babbli also has

giggling over their joint experi-

ences as volunteer nursery workers. Harry is as impreg-

nably secretive as a clam, until

Amy crashes in, bleeding from a

blighted ballet career.

Hampstead



Bourdet reflects this sense of impending collapse in the story of a wealthy family poised on the edge of ruin, and ready to use any means to defend itself. Jérôme, the head of an endangered company, first patches things up with his alienated brother, Marcel, to dissuade him from selling his shares. Marcel's daughter then catches the eye of one of Jerome's visitors a brain-damaged industrial heir – and a marriage is swiftly arranged to repair the family fortunes. But no sooner has Bob, the idiot bridegroom, reduced his wife to a state of sleepless misery than it emerges that his millions, too, have vanished in gambling debts; and the two clans are left facing joint bankruptcy.

The interesting point is that Bourdet

emerges as a thoroughly bourgeois writer, whose criticism is exclusively reserved for those who fail to uphold the correct bourgeois values. Three codes of manners are involved: those of Jérôme, who runs his family and his business as a regal autocrat; those of Bob and his mother, who fatally neglects her business responsibility for the enjoyment of money; and those of Marcel, who lives a quasi-artistic life supported on unearned income. The artistry of the piece consists of deploying the three groups so that each exposes the weaknesses of the others. Marcel, for instance, is superficially the most attractive of the principals: but, in spite of his vaunted belief in love and happiness, he caves in and allows his daughter to be sacrificed for money.

Jérôme, conversely, may appear a ruthless egoist; but he is also an honest man who lays out the reasons for the marriage deal without the smallest deception. As for Bob's millionaire mother, first seen as an idle précieuse, she finally stands her ground and meets Jérôme's bitter accusations with the stoical ine "You're right". The Varietes production is most

sumptuously set by Georges Wakhevitch, whose palatial first-act veranda intensifies i Jerome's lifelessly bred household. With the arrival of the exalted plane of romance, buffoonery and other groups, the ice speedily breaks up; notably at the entrance of Marcel's rowdy family who turn their side of the stage into

Social preliminaries out of emotional power does this piece

and

performances.

the way, the three junkies settle in for an unobstructed slide Cleur. It is, however, an expert

Neither in its penetration into the subject nor in

example of the collective method, containing some

ingenious long-range plotting,

beautifully worked out routines

succeeds in creating surprises

from harrowingly predictable material. It is clear, for instance,

that somebody is going to die; but the timing and the identity

of the victim come as a brutal

shock. So does the abrupt transformation of Amy's room

from a womb-like retreat full of

pretty things to a bare, squalid

Kate Lock's Amy, witchily

secretive from the start and still

pirouetting for her admirers,

undergoes an appallingly well-

imagined alteration into unfeeling obsession, nails

tearing into pockets for money.

or staging ladylike comebacks in a ghastly pretence of normal behaviour. David Bamber

(Mark) equals her in his alteration from extreme gentleness to brutal, lying self-

pity, finally stealing the door of

the room as the last thing he has

to sell. The other parts are less showy, but finely played by

Feroza Syal and Anton Lesser.

into

deeply committed ances. The plot

a games area with the spirited old grandma, while the remaining ladies telegraph their disapproval with the frosty click of knitting needles. The grandmother is played by Denise Grey, an enchanting actress who made her debut at the Folies-Bergère in 1915. The casting throughout Dux's production is superlative; and the central duel between Guy Tréjan's commandingly adipose captain of industry and Jean-Pierre Cassel's wry, shoulder shrugging artist-type brings a classic collision of Gallic opposites.

Cyrano, whatever compromises it may represent, is a whale of a show, in which Savary's brand of panache runs in fine landem with that of Rostand's hero. The opening fracas in the Hôtel de Bourgogne, with Gascon cadets and traders of all kinds whooping it up in the jungle style of Savary's Zartan adventures, is barely comprehensible even to the French.

And I doubt the wisdom of presenting the villainous De Guiche (Yann Babilee) as a befrilled pansy given to asthmatic coughs whenever he strikes his mailed chest. Otherwise the anarchy is well under control, and overflowing with apt sight gags. Not only does Savary send Roxane to the front line in a coach with a galloping horse; he then flies the coach to the roof when the cannons open up. Customers have a choice of four actors

in the title role. Jacques Weber, whom I had the good luck to see, eclipses every performance I can remember since Ralph Richardson. He passes the first Cyrano test by opting for a genuinely grotesque nose, which he uses as aggressively as his rapier; and couples his bravado with an open-hearted sincerity that leaves him totally vulnerable in his dealings with Roxane. She, in turn (Nicole Jamet), emerges as a spirited coquette (arriving on the battlefield in purple thigh boots) instead of the bloodless beauties we have seen in the National and RSC revivals; and the partnership of Weber and Jamet with Bernard Bollet's blond, duli-witted wit. Of the major directors whose work I saw on this trip, only Savary seems to love

Television Subtle delights

"It's so Bromley to speak well of people behind their backs", declared an unattractive debutante in the last of Frederic Raphael's series Oxbridge Blues (BBC2). This oddly assorted collection of plays has not brought out the Bromley in most critics during its run, but last night's endpiece, Sleeps Six, was a splendid conclusion.

was a splendid conclusion.

The plot concerned the rivalry of a whiz-kid working-class film producer and his languid, aristocratic agent. Raphael seems to have a great gift for causing irritation in his critics; there is a flippant fluency about his dialogue, which sounds too clever by half ("My condiments to the chef"). "My condiments to the chef"). Unlike many British-born dramatists, Raphael unflinchingly deals with the champar of pagne life-style - the climax of this piece took place in a luxurious villa in the south of France and all the sequences which charmingly established our hero's warm, loving, caring-sharing family life took place around the free-form swimming pool. Such sophistication is apparently offensive, not least when combined with viciously accurate observation of a kind of intellectual demi-monde in which renegade intellectuals shamelessly acquire wealth by peddling mass entertainment.

James Cellan Jones, who produced and directed Sleeps Six, handled the script's firecracker witticisms and gossamer nuances of easte with absolute confidence; there were marvellous performances by the three principal actors - Ben Kingsley is the producer, with a semirehabilitated Sarf Lunnon ac-cent, Jeremy Child as the embittered, promiscuous blue-blood and Diane Keen in the thankless role of idealized

domestic goddess.

The characters of the two men, built up with delightful subtlety, were so satisfyingly familiar that the play had the air of a roman-à-clef. Their antag-onism began in a lovingly recreated Sixties coffee bar as nothing more than twitting on the grounds of class - a newly discovered conversational topic in that era. As their relationship developed, and fame and fortune accrued, the two men were locked together in fruitless rivairy like doomed stags with tangled antiers.

While our hero enjoyed worldly success, he was still consumed by envy of his friend's social position, while the lord was equally eaten up by icalousy. At the end, with the accuracy of an intimate enemy. he found his friend's Achilles' Celia Brayfield

London debuts Unusual clarity

House, displayed an unusual clarity of articulation at the keyboard, not only in his rhythmic urgency in Mozart's B flat Sonata, K570, but in the steadiness of direction with which he invested Chopin's Polymaise-Fantaisie. This often clusive work was stripped for action at the outset, as it were. then generated a developing tension while it also gathered poetry of expression.

The programme included Six Aphorisms by Mr Rowe's fellow-Canadian and professor of music at the University of Alberta, Alfred Fisher, which explored sonorities of piano wires plucked and stroked as well as the full reach of the keyboard. Sometimes remi-niscent of Messiaen in their figuration. they put technical effects at the service of attractive ideas. The St Clements Orchestra

would seem to be a new guise for the small ensemble of 15-16 strings, plus wind instruments as required, favoured by Martindale Sidwell to accompany

Alberta, in his recital at Canada Dane Chorale, from the Strand church where he has been director of music for over 25 years. The full forces were engaged for a Vivaldi setting of the Gloria that was dis-tinguished by lithe string playing, especially in the faster

sections. Diana Cummings and Desmond Heath as principal first and second violins were joyously matched in their florid solo embellishment of the chorale melody in Bach's jubilant Cantata No 51. Jauchzet Gott.

Mr Sidwell favoured straightforward readings, sparing of ornament, enabling Mark Wildman's burnished bass to speak cloquently for the certain faith of the "Purification" Cantata, No 82. Ich habe genug. Here, as also in Vivaldi, the oboe playing Tess Miller was of a jewelled artistry, and the orchestra gave buoyant support to the baroque registration and dancing spirit of John Scou's solo playing in Handel's B flat Organ Concerto,

Noël Goodwin

Dance

long-term addict now going

down to degredation and death,

Kissing God is a serious examination of a desperately urgent social malady. But so

were the Victorian temperance

dramas with which, it has to be said, this play has things in

common: such as the coinciden-

tal reunion of Mark and Harry

(who first got him hooked) and

the parlour song-book appeals on behalf of Amy's unborn

As a dramatic subject, drug-addiction has the added disad-

vantage of eroding character. Here are three people of

variously interesting tempera-ment, all gradually levelled to the condition where everything

they say or do is focused on the

banal imperative of getting the

next fix.

Babbli. the working-class

stuff. The play answers that

question for Amy, who takes to Cloud Nine when her balletic

dream collapses. But all the

men have to say in explanation

child.

a male companion. Harry, outsider, pathetically asks why whom she takes back to the such people - Mark a former room in hopes of more than doctor. Harry a university companionship. But, apart from graduate - should need the

bungled self-injection; where- is that heroin is their refuge upon Harry too emerges as a from fear.

back on the needle.

Royal Ballet Sadler's Wells

How mistaken one can be. When Frederick Ashton made his ballet The Dream for the Shakespeare quartercentenary, 20 years ago, it was recognized as a workmanlike and entertaining piece but generally thought too long and too old-fashioned to endure. Well, the other ballet created that night has long disappeared, but The Dream has become a staple in the repertory of both Royal Ballet companies, besides being taken up by companies abroad.

It was the centrepiece of Tuesday night's programme at Sadler's Wells, opening the resident company's short Christmas and New Year season. There were no childish voices to sing Titania to sleep (economy, or the consequence of school holidays?), but Bramwell Tovey conducted a decent account of the score which John performed them with practised Lanchbery arranged from Mendelssohn's incidental

worn so well is that Ashton tells women have two long and the story clearly with a minimum of simple, direct mime that anyone can understand,

and a maximum of attractive, dance of such comic invention expressive dancing. Oberon is one of his best parts for a romantic hero, partly because there is a sharp edge to the character, which Roland Price brought out well on Tuesday while investing the long, glitter-

Bottom is no less outstanding role, and also had a notable performance from David Bintley. He gives full relish to the parody solo that begins his transmogrification, glows with unexpected pleasure on meeting Titania, and puts his own gloss on the end of his adventure, accepting normality with almost as much pleasure as

ing solos with a smooth flow and bright finish.

he does his memories. Among the other solo roles, the quiet courtesy of Alain Dubreuil's Lysander gave most pleasure, but these are all good parts that continue to make their effect even on repeated viewing, and a familiar cast

case.
This is also one of the few The reason the bailet has scope to the corps de ballet. The

and liveliness that its comparative brevity is hardly noticed. While The Dream has gone

from strength to strength, Kenneth MacMillan's Concerto has come to look a little threadbare. That is partly because there is not much in the way of alternative choices if you want a plotless ballet by this choreographer, and over-ex-posure has worn its virtues thin while exposing its weaknesses, chief among which is the dreary writing for the corps.

It also has to be said that the work is not so well danced nowadays as used to be the case. Among the five principals at this opening performance, only Sherilyn Kennedy, leading the third movement, really made her solos gleam through the finesse of her steps and her timing. Nicola Katrak and David

Yow danced gaily but too approximately in the first movement; Clare French and Carl Myers gave charm but no great depth to the second. The supporting couples on the whole outshone the principals. Prokovsky's brief Vocalise

pations completed the bill.

and MacMillan's Elite Synco-John Percival | usually so sharp, sounded like

Culture Club

Wembley Arena

Of all the supergroups currently vying for public attention Culture Club and their lead singer Boy George seem the most vulnerable. The title of their recent album, Waking Up With the House on Fire, tempts fate, as does their American single "Mistake Number single "Mistake Number Three"; their last singles, "The War Song" and "The Medal Song", were so appalling they could only be defined as mistakes numbers one and two.

Meanwhile, in certain quarters, there are allegations that Culture Club's once impresnable popularity is on the wane, that there is a backlash against their flamboyant leader manifest in a shyness at box-office and record counter. Judging by Culture Club's early dates at Wembley there is some substance to these murmurs even if remours of the killing of Boy George have been greatly

exaggerated. Surprisingly, the Boy did spend an inordinate amount of time justifying his presence; his comments between songs.

Pop music

the utterances of someone in need of reassurance.

Much of George's patter, and his constant nervous cackling between numbers, was reminiscent of someone re-writing his own history. He referred to himself as "one of the last of a dying breed: pure beef", before launching into his macho put-down "Mister Man", self-depre-catingly called himself "an sis favourite" and asked the audence whether he was wearing too much make-up. Of course he was. Some of this was standard George campness but the overhead video screen

accentuated his worry. The biggest irony of all was that Culture Club were rather good. True, they miss the largerthan-life visual and vocal contribution of the departed singer Helen Terry, and their new material is less persuasive than the older hits, but George's performance is still liable to put a smile on the face.

Culture Club will eventually stand or fall on the quality of their leader's songs, but George has too much personality and sense of survival to let a little thing like a temporary artistic mental block cramp his style.

Max Bell

The man who worked an economic miracle

The Times Profile: Lee Kuan Yew

years of nationhood this year serving Head of Government in perfection. the Commonwealth.

but the first election victory of the People's Action Party (PAP) with Mr Lee at its head is apt. To the rest of the world Singapore is Lee Kuan Yew and while that designation does a disservice to his fellow founders of the party there is no doubt that without Lee Singapore would not have enjoyed its remarkable economic success.

Mr Lee has never been one for half measures. He and his tightly-controlled, highly developed tropical island provoke marked responses of admiration or revulsion. Economists and investors have nothing but praise for the way Mr Lee and his Ministers have created an oasis of honesty and stability in an area not known for either. but liberals and aficionados of pure Western-style democracy are appalled at the social

He has driven the island towards economic, political and social perfection'

engineering which the Government has thought necessary to produce that result.

Singapore's mixture of State and private capitalism, under-pinned by Mr Lee's unique blend of Confucianism and democracy, has been so attractive to investors that by 1981 one survey rated Singapore the least politically risky for investment of 45 countries, including Switzerland, the United States, Japan and West Germany.

Geography and some inspired work by the successors of Sir Stamford Raffles, who claimed the island for Britain in 1819, laid the foundations of modern Singapore. But it was Mr Lee, with help from the British behind the scenes, who pulled the country out of incipient chaos in the early

Mr Lee Kuan Yew, who is butions from other members of celebrating a quarter of a what he likes to call the "Old century as Prime Minister of Guard", and economic advice Singapore, will fight his last from abroad. Mr Lee has given general election on Saturday. It the whole form substance and is no accident that the tiny driven the island's 2,500,000 republic is also marking 25 Chinese. Malays and Indians forward towards his vision of and that Mr Lee is the longest- economic, political and social

the Commonwealth.

He is shaping not just a Several important dates friction-free, multi-racial society could have been chosen as but - as Communists, whose marking the emergence of concepts he has occasionally Singapore as a separate entity, borrowed, have attempted to do - he is moulding a New Man, geared to the economic demands of the 1980s. The energy and discipline of the East are being combined with the practi-cal and innovative skills of the West and cemented by the English language, which is now the principal language of education and the de facto national language, despite Government pretensions to the contrary. If Mr Lee's concept is successful Singapore will become a high technology service and financial centre for Asia, conducting most of its daily business life in English but using Mandarin, Tamil and Malay to preserve its cultural roots.

Mr Lee was destined early for high achievement. His grand-father, of Hakka immigrant stock from China, decreed that he should be educated to be the equal of any Englishman. The young Lee was a brilliant student, winning a scholarship to Singapore's clite Raffles
College. There he met his future
wife, Miss Kwa Geok Choo,
who, like him, read law at
Cambridge. She was the first woman from Malaya to be awarded First Class honours, which she took after only two years, a feat which outdistanced her future husband.

Mr Lee's departure for Cambridge was delayed by the war. During the Japanese occupation he worked for the Japanese news agency Domei. As the war ended he showed the first signs of an instinctive sense of timing for tactical withdrawal, so important in a Chinese leader: he sped off to the Cameron Highlands bill station in Malaya because he what the returning British might say about his work for the Japanese. That episode has been excised from some accounts of the period apparently for fear it would make Mr Lee look cowardly. Whatever his other faults he has rever publicly displayed a lack placed more and more responsiof either physical or moral bility for the people's welfare on contricourage. But the notion of themselves and their employers. the young Lee an unbending



Lee Kuan Yew whose winning formula brought Singapore from chaos to stability

day has served him throughout his political career.

Certainly his political views since his student days have described the classic are from left to right. A fellow student at Raffles and co-founder of PAP recalls: "He was never really a socialist. At Raffles he was always known as a snob." Singapore's later resignation from the Socialist International, shortly before it was to be expelled, tends to confirm Mr

Lee's political transformation. Singapore's public housing policy had all the hallmarks of socialism in its earliest manifestations. But in recent years, in common with other govern-ment programmes, Mr Lee has

people should not run to the Government for succour the ordinary life despite the debili-moment they have problems.

In Mr Lee's Singapore of suffered in the First World War.

1984 it is sometimes hard to imagine that he took such an anti-colonial stand before independence. There are now more Europeans in the country than before the British left, and most of the economy is foreign-

> But his fove-hate relationship with the British remains. No one regrets more than Lee Kuan Yew that Britain's world role has diminished or that its economic performance is marred by seemingly uncontrollable forces. As well as his Cambridge

running away to fight another A constant theme of Ministerial Victorian sense of moral corspeeches is the admonition that rectness and an extraordinary example of fortitude in living an

> Mr Lee is more articulate and lucid in English and in his political analysis than many of his contemporaries in Britain and the United States whose global views he broadly shares. But that does not make him a Westerner in the fullest sense. Despite the fact that he learned Chinese later in life many of his fundamental attitudes are the

British culture. At heart he is very much Chinese.
The Western side of his make-up, with the Cambridge Doube First in law, sees to it that Singapore is ruled meticu-lously within the law, but his pragmatism nothing wrong in changing that The ending of colonialism does not in itself result in social and law retrospectively to meet

product of Chinese rather than

With a constituency of only 2,500,000, Mr Lee has the advantage of having an almost laboratory atmosphere his relentlessly logical intellectual solutions to human problems can be applied with relative ease, especially with only a token Opposition in Parliament. At times Prime Minister Lee gives every indication of forgetting that there are human beings involved. On one memorable occasion he referred to

changing circumstances.

ngaporeans as digits. His latest concern, that Singapore will gradually breed less capable workers if the less privileged strata of society continue to have a higher birth-

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Mr Lee has never had many iends since he became Prime Minister. Gone are the days when he would have a few beers with local journalists. He has

Address to non-aligned summit, Lusaka, 1970. Let others play checkers: we play chess – 1972.
I don't know why Amnesty International always picks on people who are not very popular with Communists - 1974.

For every person you lock up, you antagonize a lot of neutrals. So when you do lock a chap up it has to be worth the minuses. On Singapore's political de-tainees, 1974.

economic progress: it provides the opportunities for it -

response is classic Lee Kuan

Yew: to offer less well-educated women who have already borne

two children 10,000 Singapore

Mr Lee's radical approach

would by untenable almost

anywhere else in the world but,

as with most things in Singapore, the majority are willing to concede that their leader is

children have been gifted.

diplomat explained.

always been surrounded by

brilliance in his own family. He

just doesn't understand what it

is like to be ordinary." a former

The offer of cash for steriliza-

tion was just the latest in a

series of controversial measures

relating to the family. In this

case it came direct from the Prime Minister's Office, which means that it is unlikely to be

Other, less crucial ideas are

often floated by a Minister, and if they sink it is the Minister's

career that suffers. The National

University of Singapore and

State concerns are replete with

potential political leaders who

standards or who misinter-

who spent too much time

building a personal power base

rather than selling government policy was publicly unfrocked

and sent off to manage the

The Prime Minister is quite

preted a directive.

dollars to be sterilized.

We have a reputation, which I hope is somewhat deserved, that we are a kind of little Switzerland in South-East Asia -

HIS RISE TO POWER

pore, and Fitzwillem College, Cambridge (Hon, Fellow 1989); double first Law Tripos with star for special distinction.: 1950 Called to Bar, Middle Tem

1950 Married Kwa Geok Choo two sons, one daughter 1951 Advocate and solicitor, Sin gapore. 1954 Formed People's Action

Flashback: Lee celebrates after the 1959 elections created controversy both inside always sought to isolate himself, and outside the country. His not only from his wife's law

> to requests for political favours. He used to play golf with his Press secretary as partner but has now taken up jogging. away a fortune. After the left wing boycotted Parliament in the 1960s Mr Lec which requires no partner. What remains of Mr Lee's milk of human kindness is for political colleagues, so long as they play their role and contribute in a way that he believes they should. Once their usefulness is gone, so are they. Apart from his strong-willed

usually right and to comply grudgingly with his dieta. Educated women are being wife there are perhaps only three people in Singapore, all old political comrades, who will coerced into producing more children in an equally direct Mr Lee believes that intellecstand up to Lee Kuan Yew, and to whom he may occasionally concede. They qualify because they have shared experiences. They know what it was like to tually gifted parents necessarily produce bright children. The evidence is around him; he has a brilliant wife, and all his struggle through the early years of Singapore, the battle against That's the trouble for both the Communists and then the Lee and Singapore. He has

> 'Mr Lee rarely fails to consult an old priest before major decisions'

unexpected and unwelcome split from the Federation of Malaysia in 1965.

Though she is rarely seen at public functions. Mrs Lee is a strong influence. Said to be a more gifted lawyer than her husband, she has run the family law firm. Lee and Lee, since the carly days. By European stan-dards the idea of the Prime Minister's wife running the country's leading law firm might be thought inadvisable. did not meet Mr Lee's exacting Mrs Lee is unperturbed by such thoughts, and one attempt to ruthless with those who fail him. A leader of the tame National Trades Union Council cast doubt on the probity of the operation brought hefty damages in the wake of a lost law

> Just as the agnostic Mr Lee rarely fails to consult an old Chinese priest before taking a major decision. Mrs Lee is able to make points that may not have occurred to the Prime Minister. She interviews all new Parliamentary candidates and

Our unions are different: if we

had British-style trade unionism

we should be bankrupt, finished

When you are in a jam and you

change governments you are still in a jam - Election

If the United States, Western Europe and Japan cannot summon up the will to check growing Soviet strategic and

conventional supremacy, then they will be helpless when their

access to vital materials like oil

is an attempt to create a

don't need to seek fulfilment vicariously. - On suggestions that his son's entry into politics

Commonwealth

campaign, 1976.

is blocked - 1981.

· 1976.

their wives. In a sense sho follows in the footsteps of Mr practice but from any exposure Lee's late mother, who kept the young Lee on track and ensured his education after his father took to gambling and frittered

> was left without a Parliamen-tary Opposition until 1981 party, Mr J. B. "Ben" Jeyarctnam, won a seat. Mr Jeyaret-nam is a kindly, well-meaning lawyer who sometimes appears to be a politician as much out of duty to his late wife as anything else. He is scarcely Mr Lee's equal in a political skills, and his debut in Parliament saw Mr Lee at his most scornful and disparaging out of shock at Mr Jeyaretnam's unexpected vic-

It was a dramatic reverse for a Chinese leader. In a Confucian society there is no room for loyal opposition. The Confu-cian leader, to be seen to have the mandate of heaven, must rule with absolute authority and with the people's confidence in him to provide just and honest government.

Of perhaps greater concern was the indication that Mr Jeyaretnam's election could lead to an Opposition, offering bread and circuses, who might dissipate all that Singapore has

For years the principal political question in Singapore has been: "Who will succeed Mr. Lee when he goes?" Mr Lee has said that this election will be his last as Prime Minister in four years' time he will stand down for one of the young technocrats whose careers lie has fostered while subjecting them to rigorous examination.

Maintenance of Singapore's corruption-free record, such an important element of its succession in require a man of similar personality to Lee's. This weekend he will therefore be watching keenly the progress of his son, Brigadier Lee Hsien Loong, who retired recently from his position in charge of Army planning and intelligence co-ordination. The younger Lee, still only 32, is virtually certain of winning a seat and is being spoken of also as a possible successor.

mellowed in his aversion to an Opposition as such, and up to three losing Opposition candidates will be offered Parliamentary places with limited voting rights after the election. Lee still plays hard at politics, however, and would be delighted if PAP secured another clean-sweep

What then is left to him personally? The new Parliament is likely to enact legislation creating an elected President who would have powers to prevent a government from spending reserves which it had not itself-accumulated. Mr Lee has indicated he might be interested in the job.

taken his rifle and started

shooting sheep at tandom. Captain Bolsover had to arrest

hift of course, but the big problem was the dead sheep, could the men face roast mutton again?

I know a rather good recipe

for lamb marinaded in wine and garlic", said Georgia later.

At supper that night there was a near-mutiny among them over what they called this

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> to both men and women! A Falkland Passion by Venetia Barnstraw

Chapter One Georgia's first thought when she arrived in Port Stanley was that the shops were terribly drab. Oh, she knew that she was 7,000 miles from Bond Street, but really! Did everything have to be so provincial and boring? t was, after all, the week before Christmas and the nearest thing she could see to a Christmas present was an SAS balaclava nelmet with holly stuck in it.

Then suddenly she realized it didn't matter. She had no one to buy presents for. She had come out here to the Falklands to start a new life and to forget Terry, For a moment, Terry's familiar crinkled face with its roguish smile swam in front of. her, but she fought against the natives. I'm afraid that just memory. She had to report to leaves the sheep. "But tell me, Falklands Stores HQ, where she was to act as secretary to one Captain Bolsover. They said that work made you forget . . .

moreover ...

down the street, singing.
"Captain Bolsover?" said one of them, leering. "Don't bother with him, love. You'll have a much better time with B Company, eh lads?"

that they haven't seen a pretty girl for years and you musn't forget that men are brutes below the surface.

"I'm not a man", said Bolsover. "I'm an officer." He laughed attractively. "But seriously, you'd do well to keep away from the soldiers. And the construction workers. And the what really brings you here?"

Georgia, blushing. "His name was Terry. I thought he loved

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Chapter Two
"Don't worry about the
men", said Captain Bolsover.

features - his nickname among over what they cauch misthe men was Lingi and the foreign muck.
officers called him Roccoco to Is this love? he asked himself.
his face - he had been out for a. (Is in love? Or appreciation of
stroll among the hills and come good cooking? Or merely some
across a soldier who had run mischievous Italian chromoamuck Driven crazy by boresomes resurfacing? Don't miss
dom and rain, the man had tomorrow's thrilling sequel!) daringly. It was only her second day in the office, but already she felt she could trust his straight. Italianate features, so different from Terry's - damn! She musu't think about Terry.

"The end of an affair", said

me, but really he loved his beat more. And when he told me he

was going to sail round the

Chapter Three
It had been a hard day for.
Dick Bolsover. As if it wasn't
had enough having Italianate
features – his pickname among

Some soldiers were coming

"You too?" said Georgia,

Saturday

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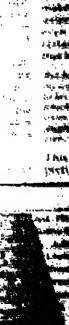
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Sapphist letters turned to dust

On the 14th of December 1922, Mrs Leonard Woolf met Mrs. Harold Nicolson, the novelist Vita Sackville-West, a florid, moustached aristocrat, a pronounced Sapphist, as Virginia Woolf described her with tremulous excitement. She was intrigued by Vita but doubtful of her chances. The next day she wrote wistfully "But could I ever know her?". As it turned out, as I need hardly tell you, the denouement being familiar to everbody literate on both eides of the Atlantic Mrs Woolf sides of the Atlantic, Mrs Woolf knew Mrs Nicolson very well

Their relationship, though not perhaps precisely living up to the current claims of Messrs Hutchinson that this is one of the most searingly intense affairs that literary history has ever seen, definitely had its moments. I especially enjoy the swashbuckling language affected by the ladies, and the sexual imagery is most intriguing, involving shaggy sheep dogs, squirrels, donkeys even por-poises. (Porpoises in fish-mongers, laid out on marble siabs.) The account of the affair in Victoria Glendinning's marvellous biography of Vita was, I found, compulsive reading, and the Virginia-to-Vita corrspondence included in Vol. 3 of the Virginia Woolf Letters is endlessly fascinating, maddening, and moving. There is no reason not to want a new instalment. All the more disappointing to have to report honestly that this latest volume. Vita's Letters to Virginia, is, if not quite dull asdischwater, a little unenthral-

Why is it so deadly? Well the warning bells sound early with the information that these-letters have been edited in the USA not only by Dr Mitchell A Leaska, author of Virginia Woolf's Lighthouse, but also by Associate Professor Louise DeSalvo, who has written, by some all too predictable coincidence, a further learned treatise, Virginia Woolf's First Voyage. (One is hardly reassured to be told that Dr Leaska is literary consultant to the Psychoana-



Vita in 1924

lytic Review whilst Professor DeSalvo had edited a collection of feminist essays entitled, humourlessly. somewhat Between Women.) Could this team be rather heavyweight for what is after all not a work of any formal, solemn literary endeavour, just the odd sponlancous letters, the outpouring of endearments, from one lady to another? It could be, and it is, This book, I fear, is an example of the madness which takes over when a love affair becomes

the material for research.

Fiona MacCarthy

THE LETTERS OF VITA SACKVILLE-WEST TO VIRGINIA WOOLF Edited by Louise DeSalvo and Mitchell A. Leaska . Hutchinson, £12.95

in the editorial preface, which singularly lacks the human virtue of humility) that the editors have done marvels in the way of, for example, establishing the exact chrono-logical order of these several hundred sometimes sport and pretty ordinary letters, much concerned with dinner dates and travel routes end ailing livestock, which Vita, not foreseeing the needs of aca-deme, had often dated carelessly. Some for instance just say "Friday". A serious prob-lem when, as fairly often, the letters had been posted in Germany or Persia.

The editors, undaunted by the vicissitudes of the international postal service c.1927, expect a corresponding dedi-cation from their readers, suggesting a do-it-yourself method of cross-referencing which shows a rather touching faith in human energy. When the reader comes across, for Instance, the annotation "See VW 1733", he/she is instructed to turn to The Letters of Virginia Woolf, and refer to the letter numbered 1733.

Compared with Nigel Nicolson's elegant, intelligent intro-duction to the letters of Virginia, Mitchell E. Leaska's introduction to Vita is curiously sycophantic and uncertain, with something of the tone of the awestruck first-time visitor to England's stately homes. How easy it is, he comments, to imagine Vita as a child "roaming the hundreds of rooms of Knole ... imagining their his-tory, inventing little fables of beauty, valour and bloodshed." Dr Leaska is also a master of clairvoyancy, an editorial technique of questionable useful-ness. In 1925 Vita "could not of course foresee that in three years time she would be reading about herself, garbed as Orlando, skating on the Thames during the Great Frost". Well

Down among the footnotes - a realm in which the Leaska-/DeSalvo conglomerate again rates rather badly in comparison with Nicholson's annotation of Virginia Woolf's letters and indeed with Anne Olivier Bell's admirably levelheaded footnotes to the Diary the editorial tendency to overkill is rampent.

Such treatment diminishes its ibject. Even Vita. She was not (unlike Virginia) the world's best letter writer, This style of reverentially unselective editing makes the more banal of her letters seem mundaner, and even the exciting ones acquire a certain crudity. For instance this letter dated 1927:

But how right I was . . . to force myself upon you at Richmond, and to lay the trail for the explosion which happened on the sofa in my room here when you behaved so dispressibly and remired so disgracefully and acquired me for

One can see (and if one This is Vita Sackville-West but couldn't it is firmly pointed out pretty nearly Kadelyffe Hall.

Was she saint or bitch?

Considering how many books about her get published, it is surprising to find that the last detailed critical biography of Jane Austen was published in 1938. The novelist holds after all a secure place both in the esteem of the academic community, and in the admiration of what Sir Walter Scott called, in his review of her work, the "middling classes". Scott actually said that her subject

is life among the middling classes, and here one is slightly taken aback, From the distance of time, and without thinking about it too much, one sees Jane Austen's world as rather upper than middling. But that is because everything that seemed to her contempories perfectly ordinary (carriages, balls, trips to Bath, the enforced leisure of women) has acquired an extraordinarily romantic glow. The sentimental novelists of today no doubt look to Jane Austen as their patron saint, whereas she was in

the tone of her writing is satirical, and, to use a term from Professor Halperin's book, realist. And yet. It's odd. isn't it, that for so many people reading Jane Austen is a form of escapism. (The reader will see by now that I can't decide how to abbreviate the author's name; if I call her plain Austen, she sounds like a parlourmaid; if I call her Jane, I will be thought sentimental.) Perhaps a key to the tone of some of the novelist's critics lies in the fact that they are writing not against the author so much as against her unthinking admirers.

They want to put an end to this idea that the novels are pretty. They are probably the same people who want to rescue Chekhov from his reputation for lugubriousness. They tell us that Chekhov is uproariously funny and that Jane Austen is coldhearted and nasty. But we are always slipping back into our old bad habits. Chekhov turns melancholy again, and nasty Miss Austen turns to Jane. People start calling their daughters Emma, although not, for some reason, Fanny. There is a world of Jane Austen, and it is one full of opportunity for fantasy and for the free wandering of the imagination.

James Fenton on the first life of our dear Jane for a generation

THE LIFE OF JANE AUSTEN By John Halperin Harvester, £25

Naturally, criticism must try to curb

this tendency in us. Professor Halperin has an uneasy relationship with his subject-matter. He does not for a moment believe that Jane Austen's memory will be much affected by anything that he or any other individual writes about her, He has tried to be careful without being overly cautious, conservative in his assessment of the facts without being uninteresting, and so on. He tells us this in the foreword and we rather wonder why he is telling us. Is it because, since 1938, there has been no material change in the state of our knowledge of Jane Austen and her age? That appears improbable, but the ssibility seems to worry Professor

Halperin.
He is aware that the Austen family were careful to tidy up Jane Austen's reputation when they presented their evidence to the public; and that a great deal of what was said amounted to piety; and that much evidence has been destroyed. It should still be possible, since after all there is much documentary evidence left, to produce an interesting and complex account. The trouble is, the discussion tends to dwell on the question: "Was

she a saint or a bitch?" As the patron saint of romantic novelists, she may be portrayed through the anecdotes about the squeaking door, which warned her to conceal her work from public eye, and the fact that she found the Prince Regent to be an admirer of her works. This is terrific 1930s Hollywood stuff. (Never mind the fact that she despised the Prince Regent and tried to wriggle out of the duty to dedicate Emma to him). Then come those moments where she lets us down,

notably in the letters with a plainly bitchy remark, as of the woman who had just had a miscarriage: "I suppose she happened unawares to look at her

Professor Halperin writes to her defence over this little blunder, but in a curiously useless way: "To retain a sense of humour amidst the tragedies and ironies of life counts for much. If it is a defence against them, a way of detaching oneself from them, then so much better for the mental health of the possessor. Even at her most malicious and nasty, Jane Austen is

This begs the question as to whether laughing at a woman who has had a miscarriage really betrays a sense of humour. If Jane Austen is to be defended for her bitchiness, perhaps the best line would be to say that she wasn't entirely sane all of the time. She was a bit touched. The disappointments of her life struck deeply. She worried about people producing embryos; and when they lost them she was liable to forget, not deploy, her sense of humour.

One of the actions of her childhood that Professor Halperin mentions strikes me as highly indicative of a disturbed mind. One day, says Halperin, she "playfully forged in her father's parish register, in the entry of Publication of Banns the announcement of a proposed marriage" ment of a proposed marriage" between herself and a fictional character, and on another occasion she put an entry in the Marriage Register, linking her name to a certain Arthur William Mortimer of Liver-

This strikes me as being the kind of joke that has got out of hand. After all, parish registers are official documents, and forgery (though not perhaps playful forgery) was a capital crime. At the same time, the form of the practical joke is unmistakable: it is a very striking way of saying to her father look at me, I am still neither married nor engaged. Like most practical jokes, it's not funny. On the other hand, Professor

Halperin can overreact to his evidence. When Jane Austen says of two sisters that she was as civil to them as their bad breath would allow, he calls this a Swiftian account. But



perhaps the girls did indeed have bad breath; and perhaps it is not so odd to mention this fact to her sister. After all, Professor Halperin says: "Jane Austen was a Georgian, and brought up in the frank atmosphere of the age an atmosphere which eschewed restrictions on reading or the subjectmatter of conversation."

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But I don't entirely believe in this frank atmosphere of the Georgian age; just as I don't believe in other things that seem to slip inadvertently from Professor Halperin's pen. Had Bath really been a fashionable place for taking the waters "ever since the Romans discovered its hot spring." I mean, is "fashionable" the word for "Anglo-Saxon Bath"?

More important, I don't follow all of his literary judgements. Is Mans-field Park really Jane Austen's "most unpleasant novel"? Is it true that almost everyone in it is selfish - selfabsorbed, self-indulgent, and vain? This seems an over-emphatic way of looking at the characters, who are full of nuances. Sometimes I think that Professor Halperin and I have read a different book. Can you really say that Mrs Norris steals from Mansfield Park? I know that the green baize finds its way to her house, and that she is in general a tremendous magne; but isn't she informally part of the same establishment as the Bertrams? Would even Jane Austen say that she was a thic??

best contributions, but be

instinctively went to the beart of

the play. And before Macbeth

there had been only one Italian

opera of any stature to a

Shakespeare text, Rossini's Otello, which was not exactly

faithful to the original. Macbeth

is now established as a master-

piece and the musicologists in

Danville, Kentucky, have done

My CUP runneth over

Peter Jones

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS 1584-1984 By Michael Black Cambridge, £12.50

I was once told that Cambridge University Press did not techni-cally "sell" books, but "chari-table distributed" them. Cold charity, some may retort; but as servants of the narrow academic market CUP consistently publishes winners. This sort of excellence, like a Rolls, costs. At the school end, CUP's record over the past twenty years has

been stapendous.
So this quaterrentenary celebration of the Fress's achievements by the University Publisher Michael Black has something indeed to celebrate. There is something pleasingly thematic about the early years Soon after its inception the Press found itself embroiled with the Stationers' Company in ondon over the right to print best-sellers like almanacs and the Bible, which alone could subsidize the academic side. At one time the Stationers were paying the Press £500 p.a. not to print almanacs (have Messrs Maxwell and Murdoch thought of that one?). That battle was resolved after a mere 200 years, but the problem has not

disappeared. Now this is where things become interesting; but herein lies the problem of this volume We never see behind the mighty public facade. It is too much an official history". The Press is always right, always wins, and as for top management (who dominate the book, particularly, for some reason, since 1972) — well, knighthoods all round, surely. But given that the Press is a charity, not taxed, and not allowed to make a profit, what is the nature of its pricing policy?
To what extent does it subsidize the severely academic books from the educational range? At all? To what extent does it rely on the US market (a very great deal, I should guess)? Again, the editors themselves, who make the Press what it is, hardly get a mention. Who are the wonderful people who decide the world needs a translation from Latin of the Tudor Statutes of Emmanuel College? What is the terrible secret of the Syndics' meetings? These sorts of issues. which are the really interesting ones to the consumer, are only gianced at. This is a pity because CUP is, after all, 2 brilliant academic publisher that makes money: and that is supremely interesting.

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and boring. Like his hero Henderson, the Rain King, he believes in the one and only ticket - to intensity. The welcome reissue of his early masterpiece, The Victim, along with Mr Sammler's Planet celebrates his chosen strengths. of the Jews and of their persecution of the Gentiles is the subject of The Victim. The hero Leventhal works on a trade magazine throughout a sultry summer in New York: he is followed by a drunken derelict Albee, who accuses Leventhal of stealing his job. Leventhal does not see Albee as his victim. but himself as the victim of Albee's demands for compensation. Gradually, Leventhal is made to feel remorse and responsibility for the other's degradation: he is freed from his redress.

guilt only by a final act of violence by Albee. Bellow shows convincingly that both are victims, both are executioners. He reveals the hidden cord between the torturer and the tortured, the asker and the giver, the new rich and the new poor. In this remarkable short novel, perhaps the most illuminating in all Bellow's work, he puts a scalpel to the unending guilt of the immigrant to America, the unease of the man who inherits the earth at the expense of those who discovered it first Leventhal had to realize that the

Not long ago, commenting on a collection of English short crime

stories, this reviewer lamented

the enfeebled state of the genre.
The latest Winter's Crimes

heralds no magical recovery,

but at least shows the patient far

from ready for the last rites. The

nine stories, all commissioned

for this collection, allow their

authors to desert their pre

occupations and protagonists with stylish, if dramatically

uneven, results. Ellis Peters delightfully forsakes eleventh-

century monasteries for an

errant piece of nineteenth-cen-

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ment, staged it in 1938.

Macbeth not covered in the scholarly assemblage by David Rosen and Andrew Porter of letters, documents, texts and contemporary reviews, as well as papers delivered at a conference on the opera at Danville, Kentucky, is why the glass of fashion bas altered. Macbeth was first conceived

as an opera in the genere fantastico very much in vogue in the 1840s, of which Weber's Der Freischütz and Meyerbeer's Robert le Diable (to be revived by Paris next summer) were the trend-setters. But Verdi used the opera for considerable musical experiment. During those Florentine days he might have been less conversant with Shakespeare than he later

FOREIGN

RADE USSR

Lay on Macbuff con brio

John Higgins

VERDI'S MACBETH A Sourcebook Edited by David Rosen and **Andrew Porter**

When shall we know the sweet Of sleeping well for one whole night?

Thus Lady Macbeth in speare's play, which arrived in translation – or a sort of translation – in London's West End in the middle of the last century. For a time it was argued that Verdi had treated Shakespeare in an equally frivolous way when he composed Macbeth for a commission from Teatro Pergola in Florence in 1847 and reworked it for Paris almost twenty years later. A chorus of murderers, jolly tunes for the witches, a brindisi for Lady Macbeth, a ballet (at least when it came to Paris) . . . such were listed among his heresies, especially by those none too familiar with his first opera to a

A cloud bung over Macbeth. It was not beard in Britain until Glyndebourne, in one of their-first ventures of inspired experi-

Just about the only aspect of

suggested, as William Weaver delicately hints in one of the

their bit to belp.

TAKI

on drugs:

661 have always believed that any apologist for drugs should be locked up and the proverbial key thrown away. The fact that I got caught with some should not disqualify me from preaching or speaking out against them."

IOHN OSBORNE on the Book of Common Praver:

CWhen the Marquess of Harrington was asked what was the proudest day of his life, he replied that it was when his finest pig won First Prize at Skipton Fair. My only similar success is that, after ten glum years, I was instrumental in restoring the Book of Common Prayer to Evensong in my parish

DIGBY **ANDERSON**

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church."

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Dear Prime Minister

After decades of progressive enfeeb-

lement which made us famous for

the "British Disease", the five years

since you took office have seen a

economic opinion. It is now recognized that our "full" employ-

ment was actually overmanning concealed by monetary debasement. The new realism which has brought

inflation down from above 20 to 5

per cent was bound to expose the

extent of underemployed labour in

the official statistics of the unem-

Unlike your critics, we acknow-ledge that the total of around

3 million ignores the turnover of about 500,000 people changing jobs

every month and includes an unknown but larger number working

in the black economy. Nevertheless.

involuntary unemployment inflicts

avoidable suffering on many people

and represents a loss of potentially

productive resources. Accordingly,

we believe our most urgent concern

must now be with the obstacles that

prevent so many unemployed

critics there is no easy lever to pull,

we understand that you are rejecting

the old myth that lasting jobs can be created simply by pumping still more public spending into the economy. We agree that would lead only to accelerating inflation and

highter interest rates - both of which

have damaging effects on jobs. But we believe there are obstacles to

employment which you have in-

herited from past governments and which should now be removed

without fear of rekindling inflation.

A major reason for our high level of unemployment is simply that unit labour costs in Britain have run

ahead of productivity. In America, 38 million new jobs have been created in the past 20 years by holding the rise in real wages to 8 per cent, whereas in Britain real wages have increased by 48 per cent

wages have increased by 48 per cent.

Nearer to home, between 1976 and

1982 our labour costs per unit of

output rose six times faster than in

West Germany. No wonder the USA and West Germany have signifi-

The plane had taken off from

Khartoum airport only one minute

earlier but already the American aid

official, staring from the window, was shaking his head. Below him, the Blue Nile slithered into the dawn

sun but it was not the river of beauty

and history that its name suggests.

The water was so low that acres of

grey earth spread inwards from its banks. People on the riverbed

crouching around fires. Only a few

hundred yards on either side lay the

With an estimated 110,000

Chadians crossing its western frontier looking for food, with up to 40,000 refugees moving in from the

Ethiopean province of Tigre alone,

with near civil war being waged by the Christians in the south of the

country and more than 100,000 Sudanese camped in the drifting sands outside Omdurman, living off

government food queues, President Nimeiri's regime looks set for a

disaster of considerable proportions.

ing up many of the flaws within the

international aid system which is

intended - under the United

Nations Commission for Refugees -to alleviate such suffering even if it

cannot prevent it. For example, officials of the US Agency for International Development (USAID), which shipped 22,000 tons of grain into Port Sudan last

week, are still debating the morality behind their method of food

distribution. They want to help the

Sudanese and they want to help the

Ethiopians. If they ship grain to Sudan which can be given to Ethiopian famine victims, it only

encourages more Tigreans and Eritreans to cross their national

frontier, placing even further burdens on Sudan. If they pour food into Ethiopia, they are forcing drought victims to stay in a country

whose government may not distrib-

ute the aid fairly.
USAID has formally refused to send food to the Kassala area where

Tigrean drought victims are camped

in the desert. Because it believes -

correctly - that Sudanese merchants

have hoarded grain, it wants the United Nations commission to break the market by buying pri-vately around the town. USAID

trucks are thus driving past Tigrean resettlement camps whose inhabi-tants can only watch impotently as

The UN finds itself in an even

more confusing situation. Because it can only help people who have left their own country, its workers find

themselves feeding Ethiopians or Chadians in Sudan but can do nothing for the hundreds of thousands of Sudanese now on the

There is thus always a danger that refugees will become a privileged community within their host

country, especially when nations such as Sudan still permit drought

victims to cross their frontiers. But

the UN itself has yet to give a

convincing explanation of why it so drastically underestimated the prob-

able famine in the sub-

Saharan region.

Peter Cutler, an intense young
Englishman from the International

Disaster Institute in London who is

now working in Kassala, has his own highly critical views of UN assistance. "The UN still thinks it

can look at satellite pictures and predict crop failures. That it can call

on Third World data systems for information that will tell them a

famine is coming. But that doesn't work. These people never get out of

their offices and talk to the

interview hundreds of Tigrean drought victims around Kassala,

asking them why they left their

homes in Ethiopia, what price their

crops or animals were fetching when

early warning relies on crop

At the moment, he says, famine

they decided to set out for Sudan.

Cutler has taken the trouble to

the food is taken elsewhere.

edge of starvation.

desert, not yellow but a dark ochre.

Khartoum

When you and the Chancellor tell

people finding jobs.

THE TIMES **DIARY**

Pentonville penman

Taki, the High Life Spectator columnist and cocaine smuggler now languishing in Pentonville prison, has been signed up to tell all by The Observer. The Greek millionaire, described last week by that paper as a "rampant snob" who pursues "aristocratic crumpet", is sure to provide some riveting material from the clink, where the Home Office tells me he stands to earn £4 a week sewing teddy bears if he's a good boy, or 50p a week in the steaming laundry, The Observer, which should perhaps take Taki's wage packet into account when negotiating his contract, will not restrict readers to details about slopping out. It plans to run a "Cocaine special", with Taki describing his kicks and how he got hooked. When asked if the Observer's sports pages would carry the prison diaries of George Best, -in the same prison over Christmas for assaulting a policeman and other offences - I was told: "What a good idea. We hadn't thought of that. But is there any evidence that a

Going public

1985 will go down as the year public schools were abolished. The politics and publicity sub-committee of the Headmasters' Conference has sec-retly recommended banning the words "public school" - used, according to the O.E.D., since 1580 - on the ground that it is an "emotive phrase". By this they mean it gives opponents the chance to crack jokes about public really meaning private ad nauseam. The conference's main committee is expected to approve the switch to "independent school" next year. The only opposition is likely to come from snobbish prep schools.

Innocent abroad

Mikhail Gorbachov, Soviet leaderin-waiting, displayed a curious sense of priorities yesterday morning. He failed to appear as planned at Highgate cemetery to pay his respects at the tomb of Karl Mark, the founder of modern communism.
Instead he and his wife went off on an impromptu sightseeing tour. This took in St Paul's Cathedral, shrine of Christianity, and the Jewel House of the Tower of London, repository of the Crown Jewels.

First pick

Who will be the first Labour MP to undergo the reselection process? It looks like being one of the most vocal critics of reselection and an ardent advocate of the "one-member one-vote system - Roy Hattersley. Since he looks bound to be reselected unopposed at his Birmingham Sparkbrook constituency meeting on February 10, he might be persuaded that the existing process is not so bad after all.

Needled

Curiously, though it numbers workers among its members, the National Union of Agricultural Workers has no Christmas tree in its London head office this year. This may have something to do with last year's fiasco when the union erected an artificial tree. Not a tactful move - especially as a few days earlier the general secretary, Jack Boddy, had presented a real tree to Number Ten as part of a forestry workers' campaign against the artificial product.

BARRY FANTONI

What a card!

The Christmas message seems to have been lost on Virgin Airways. Yes, Richard Branson did give all his staff shares in British Telecom. His Christmas card, however, contains a fake BT share certificate by way of reminder, and on the cover a montage of doctored pictures by Michelangelo and Murillo. The result shows a God-like figure handing a red telephone down from the heavens to the Virgin Mary as she tends the baby Jesus and shouting "It's for Yoou Hooo . . ." "A caring, sharing Virgin," runs the

Early sign

We should have guessed Ted Hughes was running for Poet Laureate. In the past few months the once retiring poet has been venturing more frequently from his bucolic haven in Devon - even signing books in a Bristol bookshop. There he was pestered by scores of callow youths to inscribe copies of a particular volume to "Danielle". Hughes finally discovered that she was a much-admired post-graduate who had studied the work at the Sorbonne Moments later she swanned into the bookshop herself.

Jobs: a blueprint for 1985

In an open letter to Mrs Thatcher, a group of peers, Tory MPs, businessmen and academics outline the policies required to provide jobs for the three million now without them

cantly lower unemployment rates. sive relative wages are also caused Yet the Chancellor's recent econ-omic statement warns that UK unit labour costs are expected to grow faster than those of our major competitors. If that is so, we might expect unemployment to rise still

There are a number of reasons why the cost of labour in Britain continues to rise in spite of high unemployment. The first is the trade unions, which restrict efficiency and push wages above the market clearing rate. Short-sighted trade unionism is thus clearly a major cause of unemployment, particularly when national bargaining sets wages without adjustment for differing market conditions (and costs of living) in different parts of the

Furthermore, in their insistence that jobs should be preserved whether or not an industry is profitable or there is a demand for its product (witness the miners' strike), they raise costs and taxes and so hinder the creation of new jobs in the industries and firms of cotton have encircled the world in the last century if some rustic Arthur Scargill had been able to preserve handloom weavers in per-

We applaud the 1980, 1982, and 1984 Employment Acts, but consider that this legislation should be strengthened in two respects. First, since unions derive most of their power in wage negotiations and strikes from the closed shop, we believe this monopoly device should be outlawed. Secondly, to enable employers to estimate wage costs with some degree of confidence, we now urge that unions be subject, like responsible bodies, to civil proceedings for damages caused by High labour costs and unrespon-

of work for two and three quarter million workers. They operate to reduce jobs for less productive workers, particularly young people. It is said that the International Labour Organization's Convention 26 binds us to maintain machinery to enforce minimum rates of pay where "wages are make the low", and so rules out the "wages are exceptionally abolition. We disagree, since social security benefits in effect set a floor to wages in the UK. The wage councils should be scrapped im-

High labour costs comprise more

by Britain's 26 wage councils, which set minimum wages and conditions

than wages. A whole space of legislation such as employment protection, health and safety at work, equal pay all impose obli-gations and costs on employers and need to be drastically pruned. Moreover, employers' national in-surance contributions (NICs), levied at 10.45 per cent on wages between £1,768 and £13,000 a year, are a considerable additional cost. The Economist pointed out recently that if the minimum at which NICs are paid were raised to £6,000, it would become 10 per cent cheaper to employ the 40 per cent of British workers with wages below that level. Since unemployment is concen-trated among such workers, this reform would price many back into

Unemployment is determined not only by labour costs but also by the monetary advantage of working compared with not working. Our tax benefit system now decrees that for many people in low-paid jobs there is no advantage in taking a job. An unemployed person receiving various state benefits who manages to get work at £40 or more a week automatically forfeits all benefits and pays national insurance at 9 per

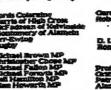
on all earnings over £39 a week.

A single householder living in authority accommodation would need to earn at least £94 a week to be a mere 10 per cent better off by working, while a man with four children would need to earn £189 to be £20 better off. So it is no wonder that many people deliberately opt for unemployment.

The Chancellor announced in his autumn statement that he might have £1.5 bn for tax cuts financed by radical reform of welfare on a more selective basis. All such savings should be concentrated on raising tax thresholds and perhaps reintroducing the lower-rate tax bands. An urgent priority is to eradicate this poverty trap and improve the rewards for working.

Finally, Prime Minister, it remains true that while parts of the country have very high unemploy-ment, others have relatively little and, indeed, meet difficulties in recruiting some types of labour. To improve labour mobility the Government must speed up sales of council housing, reduce the five-year qualifying period on resale, and take steps to revive the rented sector by freeing all new lets from rent

We are confident you will maintain and even intensify pres sures for cost reduction through efficiency in the lagging state sector, not least by further denationalization, deregulation and competitive contracting. If the results of your first five years are to bear full fruit in extending employment at realistic labour costs; we believe 1985 should see argent action along all of these lines. The requirement is nothing less than the reversal of well intentioned policies of past protectionism that have now become the chief impediment to more widely shared prosperity.



Famine: Robert Fisk reveals the flaws in the relief operation



Oasis, 1984: Tigrean refugees fill their water flasks on the long trek to Sudan

The suffering that can only get worse

"They sell their livestock first and look for extra work white hanging on to their oxen for ploughing," he says. "When they look for work, the price of labour goes down and the price of food rockets. Governments could watch for the spread of famine by observing the pattern of food prices and the distressed sales of assets by small farmers." The documentary evidence gath-

ered at Kassala suggests there is more than a little truth in this theory, although many of the Tigrean refugees said they had fled their homes after being bombed by Ethiopian jets or caught up in battles between the guerrillas and the army. Within Sudan itself, however, different problems face relief

They have found that the government in Khartoum suffers from excessive decentralization and has shifted its responsibilities to the provinces. Local government officials have found themselves unable to comprehend or operate the complex system of relief necessary to help famine victims, which is why no one in Kassala knows how much food is in the rwn. Cutler has also found that in Khartoum, malnutrition comes under the auspices of the Ministry of Health - because it is regarded as a health problem. "But the Ministry of Health has little connexion with the Sudanese Food Aid National Administration, which is within the

Ministry of Finance and Planning."
The results are predictable. While bureaucrats shuffle papers across a city clogged with traffic, another 3,000 refugees come trudging over a frontier 400 miles away and find little help. Sudan wants to help - aid workers praise the government's generosity towards its neighbours -but information is not available to put a relief process into motion. Ignorance is almost as endemic

among relief agencies as disease

among those they are trying to help.

Sudan is rife with rumours of famine

forecasting and migrations. But in inaccessible areas. The drivers of peasants respond even earlier to drought and famine.

In inaccessible areas. The drivers of trucks carrying food south of Port Sudan, for instance, have several times reported being stopped by villagers in the Red Sea hills who were so thirsty that they begged to drink the radiator water.

But in Kassala, no one is available to drive hundreds of miles up the desert highway to check this. Indee the town itself is showing the first ominous signs of drought. The rains have failed twice and dry land agriculture is below 50 per cent of its normal yield. Food prices have risen by up to 500 per cent in a year and animal prices are falling. Camels normally sell for 800 Sudanese pounds (£500); now they fetch only 150 pounds. Red sorgum grain that once sold for 40 Sudanese pounds for 100 biles now sells for 105 for 100 kilos now sells for 105 Sudanese pounds.

Curiously, international relief organizations in Sudan often seem to have a better grasp of the famine situation in Ethiopia than they do in the country in which they work. Kirsty Wright, a consultant for War on Want, says that most people in the Tigre region of Ethiopia have gone to government feeding centres but were turned away because they did not have identity cards. "One Ethiopian government official said they weren't welcome because they came from guerrilla areas", she said. "Food in Ethiopian government centres is often conditional on a signature agreeing to be resettled

100 miles Fled See ETHIOPIA

The refugees I interviewed said it took between three and six hours to reach a government feeding centre and that it took them from 20 to 38 days to walk to Sudan."

According to Miss Wright, in July 2.9 million people lived in Ethiopian areas outside government control, and of these 1.5 million were affected by the drought. This figure has since increased substantially. "Some of them told me they didn't get food because they were not residents of the area where the feeding station had been set up, that they had no papers or that young men turning up for food were sent to the south for conscription. So most of them just turned round and walked all the way to Sudan."

Understandably, perhaps, some relief workers feel considerable sympathy for the guerrilla movements opposed to the Ethiopian government. They have to cooperate with these groups in the distribution of food and medicine, and it is difficult to express much enthusiasm for the present Ethiopian auth-orities. Even the famine statistics from Tigre recorded by aid workers, it transpires, were largely provided by the Tigre People's Liberation

But in time, this almost palpable resentment of the Ethiopian govern-ment may bring a harvest of its own. The guerrilla group are undoubtedly popular but they are also coming to rely on the sid organizations. If 250,000 Tigreans leave Ethiopia - or a million or two million, all encouraged by the belief that they will receive help in Sudan - what will happen to the region's culture and language?

Solutions are not easy. Only a few days ago, the UN sent a consultant to Kassala to decide how the 35,000 refugees outside the town might be supplied with water. Should wells be dug in the desert sand to provide a natural source? It took him just a few hours to recommend that water should be conveyed to the refugees in lorries and that they should all be resculed near a canal well outside the town. How many trucks does it need to carry water to 35,000 people whose numbers are increasing by

The mathematics were irrelevant for the consultant had already discovered that if wells were drilled they would exhaust the town's own water table within a few weeks and turn Kassala itself into a desert. To help one group of refugees, another group of refugees would have to be created. So the newcomers would have to go on being hurt.

Ronald Butt

A guilt-edged Christmas

Chrismas is not a time when guilt is usually encouraged but this year the middle classes may think that they have been given some reason for feeling guilty. According to opinion on the left they have selfishly frustrated an unexpectedly egali-tarian action by Sir Keith Joseph. According to some on the right they have let the gentlemen's side down by unwillingness to shoulder their appropriate share of the national

The Secretary of State for Education and Science had made a gesture in the direction of redistribution. To find money for other purposes, and to alleviate some of the burden on poorer parents who contribute to their children's university living costs, he had decided that the better-off should not only pay more for their offsprings' university living but should also contribute quite heavily to the cost of tuition. The outrage of parents was chan-nelled through a rebellion of Conservative MPs, and Sir Keith

So socialists who had previously accused him of indifference to students' welfare now found the Tory rebels guilty of throwing undue weight behind a small and wellheeled section of their own supporters while being unwilling to fight the same good fight for pensioner's heating allowances, unemployment and the like. High Tories on the other hand censured the middleclasses for ignoble self-interest. Mr Peregrine Worsthorne wrote with aristocratic disdain in the Sunday Telegraph of bourgeois pigs with their snouts in the trough and observed that the middle classes did not know how to behave like officers and gentleman and put the soldiers' interests before their own. They had missed a glorious opportunity to set

The episode as a whole illustrates with the force of parable the quandaries that can arise from attempts to assess ownership, riches and deprivation by some scale of moral justice. But before I offer a comment on that there are one or two points still to be made about the strange case of the parental contri-butions. The cry of outrage was certainly remarkably loud. It pro-duced a greater volume of letters to The Times than any other public question since the Falklands war, and having read about 300 of them I was left quite convinced that although the substantive question was one of money, the fuel of the indignation was the principles at issue. There was a feeling that Sir Keith's plan flouted fairness - a concept which cannot be crudely assessed by the relative prosperity of different income groups.

There was, to start with the complaint that people were not given due warning. More signifi-cantly, the episode raised but left unresolved the question of parents' responsibility for the university education of children old enough to be married and vote, and who are not accountable to their parents for their academic performance.

Still more fundamentally, what is the social justice of a system which res a full grant to the children of parents whose income is regarded as too low for them to be asked to contribute anything to the cost of university expenses, but leaves the rest to the mercy of parents' decisions about what they can or will pay? If some parents could and would sacrifice a holiday or a new

sacrifice they can make. There are huge disparities (of which the present system takes no account) between the circumstances of different parents who are deemed to have the same residual income for assessing their liability to support their children at university.

One family with (say) £20,000 a year may only have one child, whom they can support easily. Another may have one at university and two at school - perhaps at one of the independent schools which the government is supposed to favour. Are they to decide that family justice obliges them to pay the full university contribution and remove a child from fee-paying school in mid-course? Or are they to refuse the full university contribution and leave the student in difficult circumstances? The truth is that the system requires the student of middle-class parents to be lucky in his parents' circumstances. Besides, should a child of middle-class parents be worse off then one of poorer parents as a result of having to give vacation time to carning which others can spend on academic

Yet even if the sense of grievance really was based on points of principle, can it be right for these comparatively well-off people to grouse when there are so many worse off than themselves? Is not redistribution, however painful for some, the essence of social justice? That is a matter worth reflection as we approach the customary Christmas denunciations of the material-istic society which will issue forth from episcopal dwellings where the firelight from the logs on the hearth flickers upon the chintz and the rather expensive antique walnut, and Archdeacon Grantley muses with the bishop over the toasted teacakes about social fairness.

The truth is that we are all in one way or another locked into the positions in which we find our-selves, from the working-class parent who pays an absurd price for the latest electronic toy, to the middle-class parent giving undue thought to a present's usefulness, and the rich businessman making

his Christmas visit to Aspreys.

Looking at Ethiopia or at the old in need we know that we should give much more than we do, yet it will not do to say that our families shall have nothing but dry bread this Christmas or that we will empty the bank account in a good cause. We cannot be so unkind as to

deny our children all Christmas luxury because the money could be better spent, nor can we jettison our existing standards of living. For one thing, the severity of deprivation is not absolute but depends on the point you start from. For another, the economic repercussions would be incalculable. The records, the home computer or even, I suppose, the bath foam not bought put people

Which of us is morally equipped to pronounce on how much is too much, except for ourselves as individuals? As a post-war undergraduate 35 years ago I went on holiday with a friend to Spain and saw poverty of a sort quite new to me. I recall saying nobly that if we had any decency we should give our holiday money away and go home. We didn't and I doubt if it would have done much good if we had. The morality of redistribution is, to say the least, an elusive concept.

A. N. Author

Speaking volumes - of blah

After the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, the season of toasts and fruity mellowness. Yes, the publishers parties are in full swing, and the hallways of the great houses are pocking to the rain of dropping names.

"The other day I Greened the most extraordinary Newby from a fellow at Bambridge who was just back from the South Powell, etc. "The Brookner Prize may have been won and lost these past ten weeks, but the recurrent names are curiously unchanged from last year. But do glitteran really find the time to read what they claim to have

read? I doubt it. A typical snatch of conversation, with a competitive edge, between two of publishing's Sloanier figures whom we shall christen the Bedford

First Bedford Square: "Quite en-joyed A. N. Other-Author's new Second: "Oh yah. The one

First: "That's right." Second: "Hmmm. First: "No? Definite advance, I thought, on ..."
Second: "Sure, but that's not hard."
(Now, mark carefully his follow-up)
"My difficulties with him are basically thematic. Either he's

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outgrown the sources of his inspiration, or eise he's failing to understand the true conventions of the form he's trying to parody."

First: "Up to a point." (Then, rotating through 90 degrees to greet a fat chairman with a face like a pizza) "Charles, hi."

Bedford Square Number Two moves buoyantly from the fringe to the epicentre, and within 20 seconds has appended himself to a mediumweight fish of the boardroom. After a ritual rubbishing of the Booker in particular, and The Prize in general (a substantial shift from last year's position, when the house had had a good autumn for awards), they move inclucibly to the new V. S. Author novel (the initials stand for Very Successful), a harrowing

in Namibia. The house has high hopes for it, despite the caveat which is now delivered by the Bedford Square: "My difficulties with him are basically thematic. Either he has outgrown the sources of his inspiration, or else he's failing to understand the true conventions of the form he's trying to parody."

My theory, for what it's worth, is that since no one has properly read any of the books piled up in the front hall, everyone is confident of encountering a like charlatan, and thus the conventions of analysis are clearly understood. Temper wooliness with the appearance of speci-ficity and you cannot go far wrong. Your remarks flatter your opposite number with the assumption that he too knows the work, and the mutual illusion marches along unmolested; opinion upon opinion, gloriously liberated from the trammels of fact, and everyone too steeped in complicity to blow the whistle.

But. At this moment a tall dark tranger joins them. Early forties, full of seriousness; an old Downing man by his scarf; dedicated - never

more than at this time of year - to lancing literary hypocrisies.

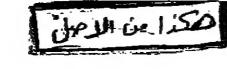
"I missed what you were saying about the new V. S. Author," he begins. The Bedford Square, by now rum punch-drunk, gladly puts the reord on again. "My difficulty with him is basically a thematic one ... And so on.

Yes, says the stranger, but do you not think the Windhoek seduction scene is a triumphant evocation of adolescent fantasy? Clearly this man is speaking their language. "Oh, certainly," the Bedford roars.

"I'm surprised you say that," says the stranger. "Why?"

"Because there is no Windhoek seduction scene in this or any other of V. S. Author's novels." "Ah. Yes. And you are . . . ?"

"V. S. Author."
And off he glides, presumably to do the same to some other unsuspecting O. Piner. So watch expose of multinational corruption.



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MEANWHILE, BACK HOME

During the meditative hours of flight between Hong Kong and Camp David Mrs Thatcher may find it less than easy to infuse her thoughts with seasonable charity when they turn to what has been happening back home in Parliament. Even before she left London, the victorious . Tory backbench revolt on student grants had been followed by a further triumph of disobedience.

A Conservative attempt to modify the GLC Abolition Bill by an amendment to replace the condemned body with a directly elected authority of a different sort was only defeated by a niggardly Government majority of just 23. If the Lords now dig heir heels in, can the Government avoid some sort of retreat?

Then there is the rising tide of Conservative insistence that the Sovernment should promote imployment by spending on investment programmes. Mrs hatcher assured the Conservaive backbench 1922 Committee cfore she set off round the vorid that raising tax thresholds vas the better way, which is ubstantially correct. But there was not the slightest evidence that the increasing number of fory backbenchers who differ from her on the point have had their minds changed by the prospect of Mr Lawson's budget

largesse for low earners. Now in her airborne absence rebellion has erupted again. In standing committee a group of Tories has joined with Labour to block the Civil Aviation Bill because of fears that the power it gives for Ministers to set a rigid limit to the number of flights. from Heathrow preempts the decision whether Stansted is to become London's third airport. Even more dramatically, the great weight of vocal Tory opinion has declared itself opposed to Mr Patrick Jenkin's announcement of a freeze on £1 billion of local assets (from council house sales) which the dissidents would like spent on capital investment.

Mrs Thatcher must be echoing the irritated thoughts of countless chief executives through the ages who have been frustrated by Parliament's tendency to get above itself and upset the tidy schemes devised by ministers and their officials. James I made. some acid comments with parts of which Mrs Thatcher may be tempted to sympathize. "The House of Commons is a body without a head," he told the Spanish Ambassador. "The members give their opinion in a disorderly manner. At their meetings nothing is heard but cries, shouts and confusion, I am surprised that my ancestors should ever have permitted such an institution to come into existence. I am a stranger and found it when I arrived so that I am obliged to put up with what I cannot get rid of."

Mrs Thatcher would hardly echo the last sentence. She is not a stranger and as every other successful politician must she rose by parliament, a fact which also disposes of any idea that today's parliament is a body without a head. Modern elections and parties provide it with a tidy majority with the chief executive at its apex and James I would probably see some advan-tages in being a Prime Minister with a parliamentary majority as well as Divine Right to back

That system bas, however, also produced its critics. With Governments backed by an impregnable body of members who will not risk letting the Opposition take their place, the House of Commons is criticized for being too powerless to after Government's decisions. Its majority may exercise a little marginal influence and the Government, anticipating its backbenchers' reactions, may offer a softening minor con-

cession or two. But can Government backbenchers do more, and if they cannot do more what does parliamentary influence really amount to when the open jousting between Government and Opposition is little more than political point-scoring?

The last few weeks should have reassured the sceptics about the efficacy of parliamentary representation. Government-supporting MPs have increasingly chosen to act as representatives (but not mandated delegates) of their constituents' best interests as they themselves judge it. They are not willing to act as lobby-fodder and are increasingly inclined to call the bluff of "confidence" which the Government likes to attach to its proposals. They have identified issues where important sections of the public feel strongly and they are the only "opposition" that can get things done.

The effective control of the executive rests with the Government's own majority, backed by the Lords who are more willing to dig their heels in when faced with a Tory government which will not abolish them than with a Labour government which will. The backbenchers are sometimes right and sometimes wrong, but all politics are a dialogue in which the contestants are more influenced by their opponents than they care to admit. In a parliamentary democracy, as Mrs Thatcher must know, her little local difficulties are as healthy as they are inconvenient to her.

VOTE FOR MUHAMMAD, AND THE GENERAL

While international attention has been focused on the general clections to be held in India next week, across the border in Pakistan the country's military dictator, General Zia ul-Haq, vesterday held his own quiet election. It took the form of a 'asuonal referendum'' and it was both a blatant fraud and a brilliant stroke of genius.

On the 'surface, yesterday's referendum purportedly sought the people's approval of General Zia's policy of Islamization. The result will not formally be announced until Saturday, but it is a foregone conclusion. Given that the country was created out of India in 1947 specifically as a Muslim state, and that 95 per cent of the population is of that faith, it is inconceivable that even a sizeable minority, let alone an actual majority, would dissent And therein lies the General's strategy.

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Behind the front of Islam the General is in fact sneaking himself past the population. Consequent upon the referendum results, but cleverly not mentioned on the actual ballot paper, is the real question of General Zul's own survival. In his speech carlier this month

when he announced the surprise referendum, the General added that he would interpret a "yes" vote as an affirmation of support for himself, and thus consider himself "elected" for the next five years, ...

courageously put number to the test, without the cover of "religion", he would in all probability, have lost. That no doubt was why he did not. Further, not only does this exercise almost guarantee the desired result, but in addition the opposition have been unable to do anything about it.

Now it seems that the only possible remaining opposition hope is that the turnout yesterday eventually proves to have been minimal. If so, General Zia will be forced to disguise it if only, to maintain face. His problem will be that hundreds of junior officials in his seven-yearold military regime will be aware of the evidence he is hiding and thus wary of the regime they are supporting. Up till now, there is no reason to believe that there has been a low turn-out or that the army is awaiting evidence to turn against the General.

To understand the dilemma

General Zia has placed the Opposition in, one needs to look at the carefully calculated manner in which he has sought to legitimize his dictatorship. From the outset of his rule he chose to ve years, link his region with the revival Had General Zia frankly and of religion. He claims that Pakistan has its Islamic foundation and that he plans to recreate the state in line with Islamic principles. But what he has really done, through his policy of Islamization, is to try to establish a direct route of appeal to the Muslim population. The General knows that religion is a powerful force in Pakistan and that as the ruler who has given Islam its rightful place he could gain a lasting advantage. In March he plans to capitalize on it; he intends to hold what he calls Islamic elections for the National and Provincial Assemblies. Precisely what shape these will take is still uncertian but it is already clear that under the guise of Islam, General Zia has outlawed the political parties from contesting again. Dictator-ship sustained by religious beliefs in this way is not healthy for democracy, and, in the long

SUCCOUR THE CHILDREN

Still they come, by thousands kind would be inevitable in the cud tens of thousands, out of the end. parched former farmlands and across the mountains to settlements where relief services almost overwhelmed by the scale of the emergency can offer only fragmentary help. As our own reports from Sudan confirm, the famine which for the sake of a name we label Ethiopian is a crisis which affects Ethiopia's neighbours and in varying degree a score or more countries on the fringes of the Sahara, No aid. however quick or efficient, can at this stage do more than mitigate a catastrophe which has already happened; and the evidence is all too strong that the aid is not always either quick, efficient, or honestly adminis-

There is a temptation in these circumstances to retreat into a numb helplessness or cynical wrangles about who shares how much of the blame. The scale of the response in Britain and other wealthier countries shows that defeatism has not yet gained much hold - though paradoxically this may be partly because illms of the suffering only came out a few weeks ago to give it substance in the public imaginction. But in much of Africa, this is the second or third season in which the rains have failed. A third of the continent is more or less affected by drought, and the prospect is for many more crasons of appeals for help, some as desperate as the present one or even more so. A continuous clamour of appeal is at risk eventually of inducing numb-

cass bolstered by a complacent

recollection that Malthus pre-

A welcome reinforcement to optimism was given yesterday by the latest annual report of UNICEF, the United Nations children's fund. In a year when nearly five million children have died of malnutrition and disease in Africa alone, it still finds reason for hope. Rejecting the high-technology high-prestige approach which gave such satisfaction both to donor and recipient governments in the past, while often inaccessible to most of those in need, it emphasizes the possibilities and the achievements - of simple and cheap measures in which parents and local communities can themselves take the main role. This change in attitudes is one of the most valuable developments of recent vears: in Tanzania, for instance, where one central hospital absorbed no less than 14 per cent of the nation's entire drugs budget, the World Health Organisation and Danish agencies recently proposed a new generic drugs programme which has made drugs more widely available

while halving drug import costs. In a real famine, where even the fertile soil may have been carried away by wind or flood, the opportunities for self-help are relatively slight. But most of the deaths, and most of the malnutrition (which can have life-long stunting effects) occur in conditions of privation short of famine, where hardship and disease gradually debilitate the body to the point of exhaustion.

Simple provision of water with

dicted that something of this salts and sugar, says Unicef, can

strengthen resistance dramatically: it claims that half-amillion children's lives have been saved this year by this means alone. Other basic measures of immunization and health education have been shown to have almost as great an

term, does the religion little good

·But what profit, moans the ghost of Malthus, in saving children's lives if the land cannot support them, let alone their progeny? It is true that the Ethiopian tragedy is in part a result of rising population (as the Mengistu government reported in the 1970s). Africa as a whole, the poorest continent, is the only one which has not yet experienced a slowing-down in its rate of population growth. The tragedy is a cycle: there many children die, parents have many children; where they survive, smaller families come into favour. The Unicef report cites cases where family planning campaigns aroused little interest until health programmes of the type described were introduced and seen to bear fruits: then family sizes began to fall mark-

Simple measures of this kind gain trust and are promulgated without need for the hard sell, for they arouse no strong cultural resistance. Effective help is not, and should not be a matter of forcing alien practices on reluctant populations. With tact and attention to real needs rather than to blind adherence to ideologies, the report shows that there is ample and growing scope for helping people in the poorer parts of the world to help

themselves

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Hope for healthy Christmastide

From Dr A. A. McLeod Sir, The latest round of cuts, forced on us by under-funding of the health service, has just closed one of our wards where we care for and investigate cardiac patients. The closure is "for Christmas", but the real reason is under-funding under-funding of this hospital, this health district, this health region, and this nation in general.

It is not putting it too strongly to say that patients may die as a result of our being unable to admit them for diagnostic tests that might indicate the need for urgent cardiac surgery. I believe that illness takes no account of public holidays and is unconcerned with time of day, Over the years we have come to put up with impaired health services at such times, but an 11-day run-up to the Nativity celebration is scarcely beautable.

Our unit clinician has enforced these closures, but it is not he who is to blame; nor the district health authority officers who instructed him; nor yet the regional health authority who budget us so inade-quately; ultimately it is the Minister of Health and beyond him the Prime Minister and her Government who stand responsible.

This letter should not be interpreted, as I know it may be by some, as a special plea for cardiac patients. All my consultant colleagues are facing the same difficulties, and their patients are suffering too. We are told that the health service costs about £15,000 million a year to run: at £300 a year per head that seems like cheap health insurance to me.

Sir, I hope you will publish this letter because those who work in the health service generally carry on despite the increasing weight of minor adversitles - I did not write to you when I had to perform a pacemaker operation wearing a nurse's operating theatre dress instead of a surgical suit because of our occasionally inadequate sterile supplies - but the last straw seems to have fallen today.

May'I wish all your readers the good fortune not to be ill this Christmas. Though some of my patients will eat well-cooked turkey on the 25th, I am afraid they are getting a raw deal today.

Yours etc. ANDREW McLEOD (Consultant Cardiologist, King's College and Dulwich Hospitals), Camberwell Health Authority,

King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, SE5. December 14.

Stansted report

From Mr S. H. Cooke Sir, Yesterday I tried to obtain a copy of the inspector's report on Stansted airport. I was told that it was not available at the Stationery Office. The man behind the counter did not know why. I sent an assistant to the Department of the Environment in Marsham Street but

they had no copies. A further journey to the Department of the Environment offices in Kensington High Street revealed it was out of I asked for assistance by telephone and was informed that the first

printing had been such a small run that HMSO did not want to handle it. I was told that the next printing would be at some unspecified date, that the price was unknown but that they would telephone me. As I live in an area whose peace

and tranquillity may be shattered not necessarily by aircraft noise but by the hundreds of thousands of people wanting to live as near to their work as possible, I began to wonder whether the powers that be have already decided to go ahead with Stansted and to save money by not printing an adequate number of copies of the report. Is the promised debate in Parliament to be a mere charade?

Yours truly.

S. H. COOKE, 10 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2. December 14.

From Lady Burton of Coventry Sir. After studying your leading article. "Stansted can wait" (December 11), and the excellent points put forward I wondered if I might isolate one in the hope that this particular assumption might be worth further consideration. This was "The lost second runway at Gatwick must be counted as a mistake now past

I noted with approval the word "mistake". But surely we cannot live for ever with mistakes when these can be rectified. Too many planners mistakes are with us today. There must be every reason for changing them when circumstances are altered.

In the House on May 23 last I was told in answer to a Question that the present Government were not consulted about the agreement and are not parties to it. That being the case the Government cannot be bound by its terms." The agreement, of course, was that entered into by the British Airports Authority with the West Sussex County Council.

Sir, in conclusion, might I put forward an assumption of my own. If the air traffic movements suggested after Terminal 4 comesinto operaton at Heathrow were increased to what is regarded as the more realistic figure of 330,000 (instead of 275,000) and we had a second runway at Gatwick there would be no necessity for any extensive development of Stansted STROOT

Yours faithfully, BURTON OF COVENTRY. House of Lords.

Great past, but a doubtful future

From Mr Peter Fleetwood-Hesketh Sir, Kedleston (report, December 15) seems to provide as good an example as any of the destructive

effects of capital transfer tax. Such places are often referred to as part of the national heritage. True, the nation is fortunate to have within its shores such beautiful objects of admiration and would be the poorer without them. But the nation had no part whatever in their creation and

subsequent maintenance.
But the nation had no part whatever in their creation and subsequent maintenance.

Kedleston, with its park, would never have existed had it not been for the taste and enterprise of the Curzon family who commissioned it in the first place and maintained it for over two centuries. Were it not for CTT they could no doubt

Continue to do so.

Let us consider the effect were CTT to be abolished in respect of private houses now. I imagine the percentage of the national revenue derived from this source to be very small and that it could without difficulty be made up by more

equitable means. The natural heirs of the families who created such places as Kedleston would thus be enabled to continue to maintain the houses and parks and to keep intact.

their carefully gathered contents. These places were built, not only to be lived in, but to be seen and give pleasure to the beholder, Most owners have in the past been generous in admitting the public to their private houses, upon request or in aid of charity, though under no obligation to do so. And now, when Government help is obtained, this is sometimes conditional on the public being admitted.

It seems to me that in the case of private houses CTT serves no purpose, save to destroy a precious egacy from the past, and one may therefore be forgiven for sensing here an element of vindictiveness, since there seems to be no other explanation.

Yours faithfully. PETER FLEETWOOD-HESKETH,

As from: 57 Great Ormond Street, WC1. December 16.

Conditional aid

From Mr Hugh P. Elliott Sir, The latest news of the famine in Africa prompts another look at your editorial of November 27.

By all means let us have more and better evaluation of the costeffectiveness of all overseas aid. But the ODA (Overseas Development Administration) have done much more of this in recent years than you give them credit for, and the chief remaining area where they might be questioned lies in the big trade schemes, where aid is tied to British manufactures. These are not cut because the result would be job losses in Britain.

The point is that after the recent cuts which your editorial appears to justify, there is simply not enough money left to get the most costeffective schemes going. These include, first, disaster relief, which in large areas of Africa is the precondition of all other forms of aid.

There are certain countries where the regime would not be willing to accept the strict conditions necessary. But it is not realised that in many lands in the drought areas the situation is now so desperate that the rulers are ready to accept aid with whatever supervision and controls we insist on.

In the particular emergency of the Ethiopia/Sudan crisis, the case is surely overwhelming for an imer-

national diaster relief force (as urged by Lord Cameron and Hugh Hanning, November 1).

Naturally the Dergue is not going to feed the people of the rebel-held areas in Eritrea and Tigray. Hence the refugees. But the hungry on both sides deserve equal help.

But, secondly, for the prevention of future disasters, the most cost-effective aid of all is the long-term task of agricultural development the provision of seeds, wells, dams and the training of field staff (letters of November 17 et al). Food production has become the top

In my recent travels in Africa, I have been struck by the eagerness almost everywhere to welcome

This is a time of opportunity for Britain. If our leaders would dare to appeal not to self-interest, but would boldly ask the income tax-paying British public to make a small sacrifice in order to restore cuts and maintain adequate aid for disaster relief and agricultural development the response from most would be surprisingly generous.

Yours sincerely, HUGH P. ELLIOTT. 14 Eldon Avenue, Shirley, Croydon, Surrey. December 18.

Student grants

From Dr I. B. Davies Sir. I share Lord Flowers's view (December 11) that the storm over student grants drew out the worst in everyone; it is now time for collection of facts and disappearance

of rhetoric. The attention of all those interested in higher education should be directed towards a recent study which showed that the average debt incurred up to qualification by an American medical student was \$22,900 (Moss, New England

Journal of Medicine, November 22, vol 311, p 1375). If the pattern of higher education in Great Britain should become like that in America then it would become necessary to review the ability of British students to repay loans in the face of their higher cost of living, higher taxation and lower

sideration would need to be given to the difficulty in obtaining National Health Service employment beyond the registrar/senior registrar grade!

Perhaps the affray over student grants will alert the Government to potential further dilemma in higher educational policy if there is truth in the rumour that the Chancellor of the Exchequer is considering a levy of value-added tax upon books and journals.

if value-added tax should be imposed on books and journals, then the already heavy financial burden upon individual students. members of the professions, learned societies and libraries would be made even heavier. I. BLEDDYN DAVIES.

Charterhouse Clinical Research Unit Limited. Boundary House, 91-93 Charterhouse Street, EC1. December 12

Dropping the pilots

From Commander J. M. Cooley.

Sir. Your article by Stephen Aris

(December 7) concerning pilotage

comments justly on the need for

change and rationalisation, yet in

itself irrationally compares like with

unlike and is highly selective in its

pilotage with small or modest ships.

be fairly compared with Southamp-

ton, some 25 miles, where the largest

employed, which enables them to

give advice without being under

pressure from either port authorities

or owners cutting their costs and safety margins to the bone. Yet even

whilst bound by by-law and working

rule more than many an employee.

the pilots are still like all self-

employed in that a decline in a

port's trade may reduce their

income or remove it altogether, as

has happened at Preston and

Manchester. Even a dock strike can

reduce one to labouring on a farm to

has reduced its numbers by two

thirds over the last 10 years and would consider itself lucky to reach

three-quarters of the agreed earnings

of that of a third officer on a cross-

of British Shipping is to tear up the

agreement on earnings that has been-

in force for 27 years in the hope of

paring their costs still further. This

follows the national agreement on

earnings, which was never imple-

mented; apparently another legally

Perhaps one could question the

necessity for pilots, but increasing

interference or disregard for pilots

advice has cost millions of pounds

in some accidents even without

mentioning potential disasters, such

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unenforceable agreement.

The reaction of the General Council

With regard to change, my station

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Gravesend,

Kent. December 9.

How can Peterhead, a three-mile

US views on Cyprus

salaries; for medical students con-

From Mr Richard N. Haass

Sir, We were surprised at the pessimistic tone of your paper's November 27 leader, entitled "More discreet proximity on Cyprus". But we were shocked that a publication as reputable as The Times would repeat and seem to endorse the totally false charge that United States Government funds were being used to help build an airfield in northern Cyprus.

This allegation is simply not true. The United States is not building an airfield or anything else at Lefkonico in northern Cyprus. The United States is not financing the Lefkonico airport, either directly or indirectly. The United States military has no plans for, nor has it given any consideration to, the possible use of a facility at Lefkonico or anywhere else in northern Cyprus.

in your general assessment of Cyprus diplomacy the editorial seemed too ready to accept that current efforts must fail. We believe the Cyprus problem can be solved and that the efforts of the last several months by the UN Secretary: General have been energetic and well conceived.

Indeed, we trust that you will reassess the prospects for Cyprus given the announcement on December 12 that the Secretary General has succeeded in arranging a summit meeting for January 17 between President Kyprianou and Mr Rauf Denktash. While much remains to be done, we welcome this important step and pledge our continuing full support to the Secretary General's efforts to promote a fair and final settlement to the Cyprus question.

The roots of the Cyprus conflict are complex and deeply emotive. Therefore, we regret that you chose to give credence to the false report of alleged US plans for the Letkonico airport. Such rumors can only divide further the people of Cyprus and hinder efforts at reconciliation on the island.

We hope that in printing this response your paper will help to calm groundless fears and thus help make possible a successful summit meeting on January 17. Yours faithfully, RICHARD N. HAASS,

(Special Cyprus Coordinator). United States Department of State, Washington, DC, 20520.

If it is high time that the pilotage profession is reorganised. It is also high time that a dedicated and highly skilled body of men, whose high death rate indicates the stress involved, are fairly treated. Yours faithfully, J. M. COOLEY 23 Ridgeway Avenue.

Doubts about an 80mph limit

From the Reverend Michael Smith Sir, I find it incredible that responsible associations should want to promote the idea of an 80mph speed limit on our motorways (The

Times, December 15). The argument seems to be that the law should reflect reality and that the present limit is very widely ignored. Whether this is right or not depends on which area of reality one

One area worth considering is that there are three sorts of drivers -those who keep within the law; those who will drive at 100mph no matter what the law says; and those who feel that if they go just a little beyond the bounds of the law, then

that is not at all serious,
This latter group currently see
nothing wrong with going 10mph
above the current speed limit and
drive at 80mph. A change in the law would almost certainly see many of them doing just the same with the new speed limit and driving at

Any regular user of motorways can relate how all sorts of vehicles drive far too close to the car in front The British M-way driver is notorious for this. The proposed change, while sensible considered out of context, is irresponsible and dangerous against the appalling failure to maintain correct driving discipline on our motorways at

And I suppose, if it goes through Parliament, there will be people saying in not so many years' time that, since most people ignore the 80mph limit, it should be raised to 90mph, Where will it all end? Probably in the local hospital casualty department. Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL SMITH. 30 Grove Vale, East Dulwich, SE22.

Flying wheels

From Professor D. A. Bell Sir, I cannot agree with the Government that the loss of wheels from commercial vehicles is unimportant (report, December 13, p3).

Some years ago when driving down the M6 I noticed out of my window what appeared like a child's hoop hanging motionless over the central reservation. Fortunately I remembered the navigator's rule that "if the angle stays constant there will be a collision", so I braked and the cast steel locking rim from a lorry wheel landed on my front

Had it come through the window, which it was originally approaching, the result would have been much the same as that of a lump of concrete dropped from a bridge through the windscreen. We need to know what happens to wheels that come off commercial vehicles before we can dismiss the occurrence as

unimportant. Yours faithfully, D. A. BELL, 87 East End, Walkington North Humberside. December 13.

Christmas spirit?

From Mr Ian Smart Sir, In all compassion, it is hard

to resist the pleas for Band Aid's "disc for Ethiopia" to be free of VAT. In all reason, it is hard to contradict the Prime Minister's judgement that an exemption from the law in this single case would be unfair. Ostensibly, the circle is not for squaring.

In reality, a simple solution is available. VAT must be paid, handed over to the Customs and Excise and retained. But let the Government, as a separate operation, buy at the commercial price (including VAT) additional copies of the record equivalent to 15 per cent of the number sold otherwise. Without making any VAT exception, the overall financial

effect would then be exactly neutral. The Exchequer would have the same revenue as if the disc had never been recorded. The record company would have the same income to devote to Ethiopia as if the Government had never intervened on either side of the account. As to the additional discs, they might appropriately be given to the British Council for free distribution overseas.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully. IAN SMART. 3 Grosvenor Avenue, Richmond. December 15.

Advertising on BBC

From Mr Eric W. Lowden Sir. The BBC already devotes many minutes every week to advertisements for its own programmes and publications. I see no objection to replacing these puffs with revenue carning material. Yours faithfully, ERIC LOWDEN 42 Burke's Road. Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

Dressing down

December 14.

From the Reverend David Reindorp Sir, On the day when we remember Samuel Johnson and his individual sense of dress, Sir Roy Strong (book review, December 13) does less than justice to the clergy. Shabby-genteel we may be, unkempt, uncombed and at times patched and rapped holy in the sense that this morning I was with a fellow clergyman who had holes in his shoes; but dowdy

.. never! Yours faithfully, DAVID REINDORP, 19 Hurrell Road, Cambridge. December 13.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT **CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 19: His Excellency Salman Abdul Wahab Al Sabbagh was received in audience by The Queen this morning and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordi-nary and Plenipotentiary from the State of Bahrain to the Court of St

James's. His Excellency was accompan His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy, who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty. Mr Faud Darwish (First Secretary), Mr Abdul Elah Al Kooheji (Second Secretary), Mr Abdulla Al Shaalan (Second Secretary) and Mr Mohamed Sharif (Administrative Attaché) Attaché).

Sir Antony Acland (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of being received by The Queen was present, and the Gentlemen of the Household in Warting were in attendance.

Sir Alan Urwick was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands on his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Cairo. Lady Urwick had the honour of being received by The Queen. Her Majesty held a Council at

There were present the Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone (Lord Chancellor), the Viscount Whitelaw Lord President), the Lord Denham Lord President), the Lord Denham (Captain of the Gentlemen-at-Arms), the Right Hon Leon Brittan, MP (Secretary of State for the Home Department), the Right Hon George Younger, MP (Secretary of State for Scotland), the Right Hon Timothy Raison, MP (Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and Minister for Overseas Developand Minister for Overseas Development), the Right Hon John Wakeham, MP (Parliamentary Secretary, Treasury) and the Right

Forthcoming

marriages Mr M. G. Preston and the Hou Caroline Cecil The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Mr and Mrs Simon Preston, of Lowfield Farm, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, and Caroline Anne, elder daughter of Lord and Lady Rockley, of Lytchett Heath, Poole, Dorset.

Mr S. E. Alban and Miss E. L. Jenkins The engagement is announced between Simon eldest son of Mr and Mrs D. B. Alban, of Sedbergh, Cumbria, and Louise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A. D. Jenkins, of

Mr D. W. Armstrong and Miss S. M. Ogle The engagement is announced between Digby William, son of Brigadier and Mrs W. J. Armstrong. of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire and Suzanne Marie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W. M. Ogle, of Mijas, Malaga, Spain.

and Miss J. Cranshwell The engagement is announced Surrey.

between Nicholas, younger son of Mr C. W. N. Tapp

Mr N. J. Carden, of Little Neston,

Cheshire, and the late Mrs J. T.

Carden, and Jill, elder daughter of between Charles, youngest son of

Mr A. T. Fairbairn and Miss M. J. Bull

between Andrew Trevor, only son of Mr and Mrs D, J. Falrbairn, of Overthorpe, Banbury, Oxfordshire, and Marilyn Jean, only daughter of Mr and Mrs E, J. Bull, of Middleton Chency, Banbury, Oxfordshire.

Mr M. W. J. Reynolds and Miss J. S. Blackwell The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Reynolds, of Beamond End, Buckinghamshire, and Jemima, daughter of Colonel and Mrs John Blackwell, of HQ AFCENT, BFPO

Captain R. W. H. Sutcliffe and Miss J. Wheeler-Bennett

The engagement is announced between Robert Sutcliffe, 14th/20th King's Hussars, elder son of Colon and Mrs P. M. B. Sutcliffe, of Burntwood, Winchester, Hampshire, and Joanna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R. C. Wheeler-Bennett, of The Mill House, Calstone Wellington, Wiltshire.

Hon Adam Butler, MP (Minister of THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

State, Ministry of Defence).

The hon Sir David Croom-John son and the Hon Sir Anthony Lloyd (Lord Justices of Appeal) were sworn in Members of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council. Mr Geoffrey de Deney was in attendance as Clerk of the Council. The Viscount Whitelaw had an

audience of The Queen before the Conneil The Princest Anna Mrs Mark Phillips this morning presented the Woman's Own Children of Courage

Awards in Westminster Abbey, where Her Royal Highness was where Her Royal Highness was received by the Dean (the Very Reverend Edward Carpenter).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the Save the Children Fund, this evening attended Carols for Save the Children at the Royal Albert Hall.

Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by the President, the Royal Albert Hall (Sir Kirby Laine) and the Chairman of the Fund (Mr Giles Witherington).

Mrs Malcolm Innes was in

The Queen was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Eric Penn (Extra Equerry to Her Majesty) at the Memorial Service for Major the Hon Sir Francis Legh (Equerry to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother) which was held in the Guzzds Chapel today. The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Mr Brian McGrath.

CLARENCE HOUSE December 19: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was represented by Major John Griffin at the Memorial Service for Major the Hon Sir Francis Legh which was held in the Guards' Chapel, Wellington Barracks today racks, today.

KENSINGTON PALACE

December 19: The Prince and Princess of Wales, Duke and Duchess of Cornwall, this morning visited old age pensioners in the Manor of Kennington, Mr John Higgs was in attendance.

Mr J. P. Kirkness and Miss R. J. Selway

The engagement is announced between Julian, son of the late Mr and Mrs D. Kirkness, of Chilham, Kent, and Jane, daughter of Dr and Mrs C. Selway, of Harlow, Essex. Mr D. C. Pearson

and Miss J. E. Treava The forthcoming marriage is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs G. Pearson, of Saltdean, Sussex, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs I. Treays, Millbrook, Cornwall.

Mr V. R. Sewell and Miss H. M. Billyard

The engagement is announced between Vernon, only son of Mrs D. C. Sewell, of Erith, Kent, and Heather, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. T. Billyard, of Little Leigh, Cheshire, and St Paul, Minnesota, United States. United States.

Mr J. H. Stephen

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs W. S. Stephen, of Hagley, Worces-tershire, and Caroline, younger daughter of Mrs M. Sims and the late Mr W. J. Sims, of Farnham,

Mr N. F. Craughwell and of Mrs P.
N. Craughwell, of Hammersmith,
London.

Nor A T. Feirheirn

Carrett and Jill, cuter transpared for Mrs Patricia Tapp and the late Mr
Norman Tapp, QC, of Leigh, Kent,
and Annette, youngest daughter of
Dr and Mrs Derek Twyman, of

The engagement is announced Marriages

Professor B. B. Argent and Mias A. L Courtenay

The marriage took place in Sheffield on Saturday, December 15, 1984 between Professor Bernard Argent and Miss Anne Courtenay.

Mr H. Rothberger and Miss S. Matheson

The marriage took place in Oxford on Monday, December 10, between Mr Hermon Rothberger, son of Mr Hermon Rothberger, son of Vivian Rothberger and the late Louis Rothberger, and Miss Sarah Matheson, younger daughter of John and Pameia Matheson,

Christening

THE RECENT FINDING

Made from nothing but pure mountain water

... by the learned editors of the General Household

Survey, published June 26th, that a moderate

will come as no surprise to enthusiasts of

the digestion, and encourage the animus.

THE MACALLAN MALT WHISKY

intake of alcohol may be beneficial to the health,

and malted barley, aged in oaken sherry-casks, its

devotees and in private by the medical profession.

drams in the course of the day open the arteries, aid

Miss Meiklejohn of our acquaintance actually uses

THE MACALLAN. THE MALT.

a drop or two in the water to resuscitate her

precious goldfish when all other recourses

have failed. She tells us blended whisky

serves for the common carp,

but the guppies

respond only to

THE MACALLAN.

benefits have been long proclaimed both in public by

The general consensus is that two or three

So remedial are its benefits, indeed, that a

The infant son of Mr and Mrs John Hayter was christened Charles Edward by the Rev W. M. Atkins at Edward by the Rev W. M. Atkins at St. George's, Hanover Square, on Sunday, December 16. The god-parents are Mr Ralph Rokeby-Johnson, Mr Michael Davison, Mr Charles Whitbread, Mrs Susan Perry, and Miss Tatiana Harrison.

December 19: Princess Alexandra

was present this afternoon at a Children's Christmas Tea Party at Toynbee Hall, London El. Miss Mona Mitchell was in

Her Royal Highess. Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, The Light Infan-try, later received Major General B. M. Lane. Colonel of the Regiment. Commanding Officers Lleumant-Coloned J. F. Deverell (3rd Battalion) and Lieuteant-Colonel J. G. Williams (1st Battalion) and, Commanding Officer designate, Major J. K. Marsham (Light Division Depot Shanashum) Division Depot, Shrewsbury).

Princess Anne, Patron of the Home Farm Trust, will attend a charity evening at the London Palladium on February 17.

The Duke of Gloucester will attend a court meeting and function of Masons' Company at Mercers Hall оп Јапиагу 8.

Princess Alexandra will be present at a luncheon at Guildball to be held on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of *The Standard* Dram Awards ceremony on January 29.

Princess Alexandra, President of World Wildlife Fund (United Kingdom), will be present at a dinner, in aid of the WWF/Prestig-Hotels "Save the British Oak" campaign, at the Inn on the Park Hotel on January 29.

A memorial service for Lord Howard of Henderskelfe will be held in York Minster at toon today.

Birthdays today

Miss Jenny Agutter, 32; Mr Paul Brickhill, 68; Sir George Cold-stream, QC, 77; Mr Charles Denton, 47; Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, 58; Sir Clifford Naunton Morgan, 83; Viscount Sandon, 62; Miss Rachel Trickett, 61; Sir Dick White, 78; Mr John Whitney, 54.

Latest appointments Wildlife advisor

for farmers

Miss Rachel Teley, a farmer's daughter from Trure, has been appointed Nottinghamshire's first conservation and wildlife adviser, backed by the Countryside Comission, the Farming and Wildlife Trust, and the county's farmers. Miss Teley, who is 27, will be based at the Nottinghamshire Agricultural College near Southwell. She will be advising farmers on the conservation of wildlife and the care of hedgerows, trees and ponds.

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Other appointments include: Sir Brian Kellett to be chairman of the Port of London Authority from January 7 in succession to Mr

January 7 in succession to Mr Victor Page. Dr Deald Lane, consultant phys-ician at the Osler Chest Unit, Churchill Hospital, Oxford, to be chairman of the Asthma Society and Friends of the Asthma Research

Mr L S. Winchester to take over from January 2 the responsibilities of Mr S. J. Barrett as Assistant Under-Secretary of State (director of communications and technical services) in the Foreign and

commonwealth Office.
Chief Superintendent D. F. Dovaston, with the city division of Merseyside police, to be Assistant Chief Constable of Derbyshire in succession to Mr Tony Leonard. Succession to Mr I only Leonard.
The following have been appointed
Deputy Lieutenants for Dorset:
Colonel Sir Joseph Weld, Misst J M
Bispood, R G Earle, Enig C H Robertson,
W J Weld, LS-Col J T A Wilson and Lt G
E S Woodhouse.

Legal

Mr Derek Holden to be a circuit udge on the South-eastern Circuit.

Middle Temple Mr John Mills, QC, has been elected Treasurer of the Middle Temple for 1985 and Sir John Donaldson

Deputy Treasurer. Lincoln's Inn

awards The following 'Lincoln's Inn scholarships and prizes have been awarded:
Upfolse Award: M F Butterworth
(Coventry Lanchester) Polytechnic).
Fre-Pupilings Burnaries: R B Frieze Leets
University'. Walden-Smith (Warwick).
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College of Hilbert Education). Sings (Caling
Sir Thorses Biore Burnaries: P D
Stinctconnec (Trinity College. Cambridge)
and Mrs J A Ladgerd (Manchester
Polytechnic).

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is (Trinity College, Cortor), M Ellot
is College, Landord, Mém J R Goyder
G College, Canabridge, Miss P J
ford (Kineston Polytechnic), R Singh
my College, Canabridge), Miss P J
ass Bectford College, Londom),
with Prize 1984: W A L Cohen
unman University) and J A McChes
ersity College, Casterol
deg Prize 1984: A Gourgey (Bristol
mylly). Megarry Prize '1994: Miss C J Bryant Girion College, Cambridge

ar's con Section to the Year 1964.

The Archi present at a breakfast at Admiralty House vesterday in honour of Mr James Grant, Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef). Mr Timothy Raison, Minister for Overseas Develop

Law Society
The President of the Law Society,
Mr Arthur Hoole, the vice-president
and members of the council held a
dinner at the society's hall
yesterday. The guests included:

The Lord Chanceller, the High Com-missioner for Australia. Str. John Donaldson, Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Browne-Wilkinson, per Justice Wriltford, Mr. Justice Hirst, Str. Derek Quitus, Str. Thomas Hetherinston, Mr. Justice Booth, Jusice John Wards, Joége Quarren Evina, Mr. David Calcutt, QC. Malor-General J O R. Allen.

Memorial service

racks, yesterday.

Breakfast

HM Government

Dinner

Major the Hou Sir Francis Legh

The Queen was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Eric Penn at

a memorial service for Major the Hon Sir Francis Legh held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Bar-

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Mr Brian McGrath and Queen Elizabeth the Queen

Mother by Major John Griffin. The Rev J. Neville Thomas officiated

and Captain Oliver Dawnay and Mr Nicholas Legh, son, read the

lessons. Others present included:

Earl and Counters Lloyd George Dwyfor, the Earl of Lindsey and Ablan-the Earl of Belborn

Service luncheon Royal Hong Keng Regiment (The Volunteers) and Middlenex Regi-ment (DCO)

ment (DCO)
Members and guests of the UK
branch, Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers) Association
and Regimental Association of the
Middlesex Regt (DCO) attended a
joint Inncheon at the Cavalry and Guards Club yesterday.

A presentation was made by the Honorary Colonel of the Royal Hong Kong Regiment (V), Colonel J. R. Heywood, to the President of the Regimental Association of the Middlesex Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel T. W. Chattey, to commemorate the affiliation between the two regiments.

Supper.

HM Government State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a theatre/supper given at the Colisean and Lancaster House in honour of the delegation from the Soviet Union led by Mr M. S.

Brian Harris).

Falbright first

The first Folbright fellowship in the arts has been awarded to Mr John Newling, a sculptor who lecturs at Trent Polytechnic, Nottingham. He wins £10,000, plus travelling costs.

Latest wills

Mary Bartwell, of Chester, left £223,379 net. After bequests totalling £4,950 and effects she left the residue to the National Trust. Major-General Walter Henry Denison Ritchie, of Weybridge, Surrey, life-president and former chairman of Earl's Court and Olympia Ltd left £155 00 net. £155,902 net. Mr Geoffrey Reeves Wills, of

Romsey, Hampshire, left £909,952. Mr Stanley George, Calcuit, of Cranbrook, Kent, left £819,316. Northumberland £336,233
Johnson Mrs Mary Lisette, of
Ramsey, Cambridgeshire £407,578
Wilson, Mr George William, of
Frontleid Wiltahlre £652,396
Woollard, Mr Charles Westgarth
Lorraine, of Baltynacargy, co
Westneath, farmer, estate in
England, Wales and the Republic of
Ireland £685,562
Brandwood, Mr William, of Thormon Cleveleys, Lancashire
£407,564 £336 233 £407,564

Science report

Children who risk schizophrenia By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

living to which they are

exposed.
The children of schizo-

voices, and a preoccupation with illogical ideas and fan-

findings is connected with

circumstances of children

whose parents were not con-

sidered mentally ill. What

characterized their parents

was that they habitually gave

children confusing and nega-

tive messages.
This disordered communi-

cation was a strong predictor of a group of children who later developed schizophrenia.

Twelve of the 65 children who

But one of the recent

condition.

A note of cautious optimism is illness lie in the stresses of emerging from an international research group investigating one aspect of schizophrenia. It believes it should be possible in the future to identify signs in children who could become prey to the illness in later life. The findings are the work of doctors and scientists in the United States and Europe, who have formed a team called

the High Risk Consortium. Much of the work is in the behavioural sciences. But the basis for their studies arises from observations of the previous decade of research, showing links in which social factors, such as

disrupted family life and a family history, play a part. More recent studies are examining genetic factors for which a biochemical expla-

nation could be found. Those aspects are embraced in the new work, which rests on the assumption that some people inherit a susceptibility. The factors which determine whether they succumb to the were monitored over a long period developed the illness eainst a parental background of that type.

The importance of such findings is indicated in Chilphrenics are a matter of concern, and hence the reason behind the formation of the international collaboration, because it is known that a dren at risk for schizophrenia, a collection of research papers published by Cambridge University Press, and edited by Dr higher proportion of those children fall victim to the Norman Watt, a psychologist at the University of Denver, The symptoms include conand one of the international fused thinking, disturbed per-ceptions, such as hearing investigators.

The approach adopted in the new research originated in Copenhagen in 1961, when earchers undertook to investigate 207 women. Today, the High Risk Consortium is made up of 15 main research

CEHTT'ES. So far 3,000 children have been screened, 1,200 with schizophrenic parents. Of those children, 35 to 40 have already shown clinical signs of the disorder. A child of aschizophrenic parent is now believed to be six times more likely than other children to develop the disorder.

Portrait of a dancer: Dame Alicia Markova, co-founder of the London Festival Ballet, with a portrait of herself by the Hungarian artist Zsuzsi Roboz which she unveiled at the Festival Hall yesterday. It will be on permanent display on the South Bank (Photograph: Ship handed

over 10

months late The £7,250,000 research ship Charles Darwin has finally been handed over to her owners, the Natural Environment Research Council, after a delay of 10

months The vessel was built by British Shipbuilders at its

to have started next July.

But the council still refused to take delivery of the ship because of other noises, though to arise from the refrigeration equipment on board. For the past 10 months the Charles Darwin has been in dock at Falmouth.

first scientific expedition early in the new year.

The Raw D F P Daws, Vicar, Allementer,
Calsiay, Marston Montgomery and
Verveley, discore of Dorthy, Marst St.
The Rev D L Candner, priest-in-charge,
Randden Crays with Rameden Bellinous,
discore of Chemister, May 31.

Parsonson), who beat Moretons (G. M. Attenborough). Next term begins on Thursday, January 10, 1985.

Appledore yard in north Devon and should have been ready last February. The council is now negotiating compensation for late delivery with British Shipbuilders.

The delay has forced the research council to scrap at least 165 days of scientific research at sea and cancel an important cruise of the Indian Ocean, due

The Charles Darwin also missed a prestige exhibition in Brazil which could have led to more orders for British Ship-builders.

The council had refused to take delivery of the ship because of an unusual noise coming from the propeller shaft, which upset the delicate balance of the vessel's scientific instruments. It was cured only after advice from Lloyds technical investigation department.

She is expected to make her

Church news

Appointments

The Rew D M Broten. Refer. Bestek. televase of Lefesteis. To be also acting Rural Cleans of Abeley South, same diocuse.

The Rew J M Brouner, Vicar. St Paul's Blackbrook, in the beam parists of Pair. St Haten, diocess of Liverpool, to be Vicar. St John Be Evangelist. Weston. Ruscott. General Control of C

Christ Church. Si Albans, diocese of St. Albans
The Rev N G O'Conner, Vicar, St Mary's and St. Andrew's. Heaving island, diocese of Paramounts, to be Rector. Corby Glen. diocese of Lincoln.
The Rev O S Pensuen, Vicar, The Reverse Church. Stacioners, diocese of St. Albans, Const. The Rev O S Pensuen, Vicar, The Reverse Church. Stacioners, diocese of the General Seried Search for Mission and Unity, Church Hootse, Westmanser.
The Rev F J Preston, Army Chaplain, to be Chaptain, St. John's. Cashisance.
Morrocco, diocese of Chirope.
The Rev T D M Raven, Vicar, Waddutst. villa Tidebrook, diocese of Chichester, to be priest-in-charge. Taburgh. Thistiton, The Rev R Shaw, curale, Science, diocese of waterfield. to be Vicar, Camberworth with Denby Dale and priest-in-charge.
Denby Dale and priest-in-charge.

Resignations and retirements:
The Rev C J Atkins, Vhar. Lord's Hill.
Southernsten. discusse of Winchester.
resigned on November 30.
The Rev J P Drake, Vicar. Showkley with
Southury and Draylon Philow. discuss of
Oxford. to retire on April 30.

Scottish Episcopal Church
The Rev A J Poolman, Vicar of Copely
wakefield, to be Team Priest of Christ
Church, Morntogolde (Edinburgh) and
Anglican Chaptain of Napler College,
Edinburgh

Harrow School

Winter Term at Harrow ended on December 14. Churchili Songs were celebrated on December 7 when the guests of honour were King Hussin of Jordan and Queen Noor at Hussin. The Cock House Match was won by Moretons (G. M. Attenborough), who beat Rendalls (A. A. Bishop). The Torpid Final was won by The Knoll (S. L. Parcouch whe heat Moretons (C.

the American stage, after attending school in Chicago and learning the rudiments of his art with his parents alongside his in 1970, Adler's tally of brother Jay, and his sisters Nunia and Stella. ounstanding performances included Chatterton in Ardrey's Thunder Rock (1939), Shylock With Stella he joined the Group Theatre in 1932, one of (1953), Shpichelsky in A Month in the Country (1956), and Tevye in Fiddler on the Roof (1965), in which he was also to whose creators. Lee Strasberg, went on to found the Actors' Studio. This ensemble visited Sir Peter Daubeny's World

production.

became a prize fighter.

After making his adult debut

with the Provincetown Players in 1921, Adler had joined Harry

Green in his 1927 tour of three

American comedies in the USA

and England, though he re-turned to New York before it

reached London. Thus his

London debut took place in 1938, in the title role of Golden

Boy by Clifford Odets, in which he had appeared with the Group.

Between Rice's Sheet Scene

in 1929 and Miller's The Price

be seen briefly in the London

MR LUTHER ADLER

American character actor

his father's production of Boy by Clifford Odets, in which Schmendrick Originally named Luthe, he acted for 20 years both in Yiddish plays and on Broadway. It is need him rave notices as the violinist who.

versial production of Three Sisters, in which Luther ap-Besides directing and producing on occasion, Adler also acted in a large number of films, In this performance Adler displayed his mastery of and on television. There was a gap after his screen debut in Lancer Spy (1937) until after the war, when he turned in over psychological realism as taught by Stanislavsky, and his disciples, Strasberg and Stella Adler. Though the Stanislavsky 30 outstanding performances, among which that in M, the Presiding Judge in The Man in the Glass Booth, and Professor system attracted many Ameri-can players when it was called Weiler in Voyage of the Damned will long be remem-"the Method", Luther Adler, unlike so many of his country-

ANDRÉ LAUG

André Laug, who died in Rome on December 16 at the age of 53 after a long illness, was a quiet, gentlemanly fashion designer who found success in flamboyant Italy.

men never became its slave.

OBITUARY

Luther Adler, a leading character actor of the American

stage and screen, has died in

March 1903 to Jacob P. Adler

and Sarah Adler, founders of

the Adler Yiddish Theatre

Company, with which he made his acting debut, aged five, in

Theatre Season in London in

1965 with Strasberg's contro-

peared as Chebutykin.

He was born in New York on

Pennsyivania aged 81.

He was born in Alsace in Moda collections in Rome and moved from France to subtle and finid; and they drew to him some of the best-dressed Antonelli. He set up his own and wealthiest of Rome's fashion house in Rome in 1968.

1932 and had a classic French couture training in Paris, first with Nina Ricci and then with Courrèges. Laug found himself out of tune with the explosion of outre fashions in the 1960s and moved from France to subtle and fluid; and they drew to him some of the best-dressed.

Andre Laug's elegant clothes.

based on the finest principles of tailoring, found their clientèle in the refined women of Rome.

Although he presented a ready

to-wear line in Milan, Italy's

CHRISTOPHER CHAMBERLAIN

Christopher Chamberlain, artist and teacher - 'Chimp' to his friends and colleagues and

courageous battle with illness. He was the son of George Chamberlain, OBE, intrepid organizer at the Old Vic theatre n the thirpies. He trained as a

an outstanding student. His work was about what

modest gardens and yards and the random but exact com-plexities of purlieus and build-ings off their guard. These many hundreds of past and subjects confronted the eyes, in present students of Camberwell - Chimp, of an honest, demand-School of Art - died on ing and austerely poetic crafts-December 13 aged 66, after a man. It is a loss and a gain to

painting that he gave most of his time in the last twenty-five years to teaching and being first mate in the administration of painter at the Royal College of the painting department at Ari, where he was recognized as Camberwell More exactly he converted his sense of purposeful craftsmanship into a broad Londoners see out of their way for his students and windows and what he loved - colleagues.

VICE-ADM SIR ARTHUR POWER

The Rt Hon Lord Rawlinson, immediately heavily taxed by

QC, writes: of the Bar and of the Senate of of the Bar to the Royal the Inns of Court about Sir Commission. Thereafter he Arthur Power who died last month. I was the chairman with hom Sir Arthur first worked a full period of office and I am recommendations sure that all my successors would wish to join me in paying a particular tribute to his memory and to the work which

he did for the Bar. Power brought to the affairs of our independent and very individualistic profession the healthy outside perception of a distinguished naval officer. But, above all, he brought to our affairs a talent for administration which our profession so

the preparation and presen-I write as a former chairman tation of the evidence on behalf played a central part in implementing many of that Commission's ultimate

For 10 years he presided over the offices of the Senate at Grays Inn Square with authority, style and humour and that the Senate won (despite some dichard opposition which aroused his amused resignation) general acceptance and appro-val by the profession was greatly due to his labours and to his

The Bar owes a very great deal to this distinguished and rarely possesses.

His abilities were almost much loved naval person.

was awarded the Military Cross.

Later he moved to Thurles in co

Tipperary, where he developed a shrewd reputation for buying

MAJ GEORGE PONSONBY

Major George Ponsonby. Italy in the Second World War MC, Deputy Chief Steward of with the 17th/21st Lancers, and the Irish Turf Club, died on December 15 after a long iliness. He was 71.

Educated at Eton and Sand- yearlings and selling them as hurst, he served in Africa and potential steeplechasers.

University news Oxford
Dr D J Ibbetson has been elected to
the first Lord Denning Fellowship
in Law at Magdalen College from
December 5. Although the full
endowment of the fellowship
requires a sum of £150,000, the
election of Dr Ibbetson follows the

outstanding success of a continuing appeal to old members of the college and the general public in raising

Edinburgh Professor John Shearer Kelley, BSc, MBChB, PhD, MA, has been appointed to the chair of pharmacology from a date to be arranged. He has been professor and chairman of pharmacology at St George's Hospital Medical School, London, since 1979.

£100,000.

University College London is to confer the title of fellow of the confer the title of fellow of the college on:

Professor R J Chilessia, professor of Chemistry at McManiar University. Professor C P Genet, professor of Chemistry at McManiar University. Professor C P Genet, professor of classica, vale University of Sciences and Stamp, emerican professor of Sean Sean Stamp, UCL: Professor Junt La, President of the College Academy of Seanses Professor Seanses of Chemistry Professor G M Sificals, prefessor of Cassical Creek Maranara, Darversity of Thessandal Creek Maranara, Castinessor C Maranara, Stillman and Entwick-Peick Professor W Victorian, regime professor of Zoology, Classow University of Inconverse Season of Maranara College and David Sciences, Chemister of Maranara Chemister of the College Colle

Bristol Professor Louis Solomon, MD, ChB (Capetown), professor of ortho-paedic surgery and head of the department of orthopsedics. Witwa-terstand University, Johannesburg, has been appointed to the Zimmer

Chair of Orthopsedic Surgery. He is the second person to be nominated to the chair. The first, we brilliant young Cornish surgeon. David Fuller, was killed with all his family in the Scilly Isles helicopter accident in July 1983, before he could take

The chair has been established and andowed by the Bristol and West of England Appeal for a Chair in Orthopaedic Surgery at the university. The patron of the appeal is the Prince of Wales and the president is the Bristol industrialist, or Reginald Verdon-Smith. Professor Solomon will take up his post in April.

Sir Alec Merrison, the former vicechancellor, has been elected to an honorary fellowship of the univer-Dr R. J. Elderton, BDS, PhD (London), consultant senior lecturer in periodentelogy and community dentistry. Dunder University, has been appointed to the chair in restorative dentistry upon the retirement of Professor E. W. Bradford from his chair in dental

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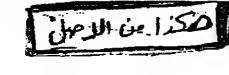
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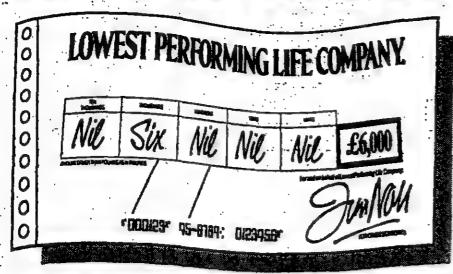
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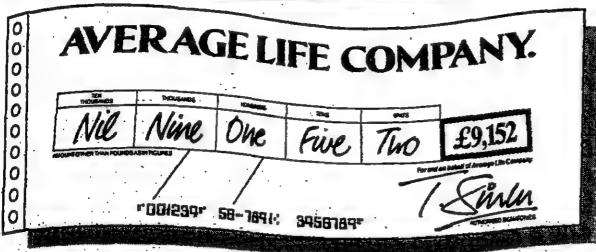


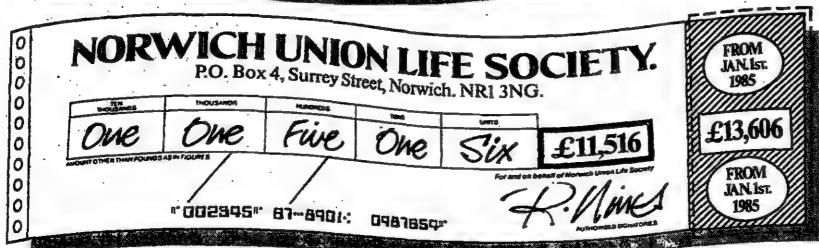


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The Stock Exchange chairman's firm last night admitted

it had misjudged the massive response to the Telecom issue

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Goodison, said: "We have learned lessons from this

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were huge logistical problems". The vast majority of investors

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per share for this year would be 5.36p, a 31 per cent rise on last

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Sterling undermined by Treasury-Bank rift

There is a theory, based on observation, that when Mrs Thatcher is out of the country, the pound suffers and interest rates rise. It happened yesterday and no doubt her ministers are bracing themselves for her return when she will cowe them with rhetorical questions like: "Can't I turn my back for a moment?" and "Do I" have to do everything myself?"

This is not as funny as it may sound. The City's perception of the Prime Minister's absences overseas is that they leave a vacuum of authority. The sharpness of policy is suddenly blurred and there is a lack of direction.

It may be just imagination and nothing. actually changes that cannot be explained. yesterday for example, by deepening fears of a collapse in the oil market and the damage that might do to the balance of payments and sterling.

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There was however, a new tactor working yesterday to the pound's cost. Both in the City and in overseas money centres, the relationship between the Treasury and the Bank of England is closely monitored. That relationship is now widely judged to be in an unhappy phase. The Bank has made little secret of its concern with certain trends in the economy and by implication its disagreement with aspects of the Government's handling of the economy. This rift threatens to widen.

As if that were not enough, there is also the Johnson Matthey affair. When the Bank reluctantly decided around dawn on Monday, October 1, to take over the ownership of Johnson Matthey Bankers, it thought it was severing a potentially gangrenous wound from the body of the banking system, and in particular the gold market, with a cool clean cut.

City lame duck

Who can tell what would have happened if the Bank had not stepped into the breach when all possibility of a private sector solution to JMB's problems fellaway? But less than two months later it is becoming more apparent by the day that the solution was far from being a clean one. The whole operation is becoming ever more clouded by the rising commitment of the Bank by the continuing refusal of the Bank of England's partners in the indemnity package for excess JMB. losses to sign a final agreement; by the political exploitation by Dr David Owen and others of the evident contrast between the rescue of a City lame duck and what happns in industry; by failures in the Bank of England's communications with the Treasury; and by the relevation of new details by dribs and drabs that, whatever their individual importance, build up a Belgrano-style aura of malaise about the whole affair.

The revelation in The Times yesterday that the Bank of England has increased its theoretical commitment to JMB by depositing £100 million with its subsidiary and that it had not mentioned this to the Treasury, still less to the Chancellor who gaily affirmed in the Commons on

Monday that the rescue involved no call on public funds, is a prime case in point.

The Bank did not tell the Treasury because this was thought to be normal banking business, aimed at providing the JMB's ongoing operations with some money to do business with in the money markets. However sensible in terms of rehabilitating JMB the deposit may have been, that displays political naivity on the part of the Bank of England, more hopeless when it is only too clear that the Bank's opponents in the Treasury and elsewhere will milk any embarrassment over the JMB affair to the full.

Its secrecy, at least, can hardly have encouraged the commercial bankers who have yet to sign the indemnity package. They are haggling over tax treatment of their £75 million share of the indemnities but are also still unsure just what they are getting themselves into.

Public gaze

Dr Owen stirred the pot vigourously again yesterday with another letter to the Chancellor casting doubt on the received wisdom that JMB's worst problems relate solely to the bad debts accumulated after its rapid expansion outside bullion-related lending. In frustration at the lack of detailed responses from the Bank and the Treasury, Dr Owen has pinpointed the general low level of running profit on JMB's lending - risky clients usually equate with good profit margins - to suggest that JMB's supposedly sound bullion business must have been highly unprofitable, casting further doubt over the Bank's ability to resuscitate its new unwanted child. The Bank will have none of that. It has already told Dr Owen that bullion-based business made most of the

Such continuing argument should be seen more as an attempt to make sure JMB issues do not fade away from public gaze. Those issues remain what they always were: why did the Bank's monitoring system not produce action until the damage was done and should the rescue have taken place, or a Dr Owen argues, JMB have been allowed to sink, with Bank of England action being confied to dealing with the ensuing waves?

So far only two things are clear. First, the rescue is going to cost the Bank of England a lot of money, when, at the time, no loss was envisaged. The Bank has been forced to provide first £10 million and later £75 million indemnity, about £40 million of which will be called on latest estimates. Since the central bank now stands behind JMB, the new deposit emphasizes rather than increases its ultimate contingent liability.

Second, the rescue though a good example of cool action, will untimately cost the Bank's reputation and bargaining position in Whitehall dear. The inquiry was first criticized for being dominated by Bank and Treasury men. It is clear it will in practice be a battle between the two sides, between which, at senior level, there is no love to be lost.

Problems for Price Waterhouse

The failure of senior partners of Price Waterhouse and Deloitte Haskins & Sells to persuade a sufficient number of their colleagues that merging made sense has been greeted in the profession with shocked relief. Despite reservations about the wisdom of a merger on this scale, PW's and Deloitte's rivals did not suspect that rebellious hearts beat beneath so many accounting waistcoats. They are however delighted at the outcome pressures on them to merge, which would have become irresistible had PW and Deloitte become one big firm, are off.

But perhaps only for the time being. Mr Douglas Baker and Mr Michael Blackburn of Touche Ross and Mr Bill Mackay of Ernst and Whinney, to name but three, are tempting fate by dancing with ill-con-cealed delight on the grave of their competitors fated scheme. Time will tell.

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Meanwhile, there is the embarrassing situation in which Arthur Young McClelland Moores finds itself as uncritical auditors of Johnson Matthey Bankers: the firm inevitably is a focal point for the Chancellors' inquiry into banking supervision. Only marginally less embarrassing is the position of those at Price Waterhouse and Deloitte who put their judgment and therefore to an extent,

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Mr Robert Maxwell last night

announced he had sold the bulk

their credibility, on the line in advocating the merger that failed.

Both sides remain tight-lipped, but it would appear that Mr Jeffery Bowman and PW, where he is senior partner, have

the greater problem internally. It was apparent at the beginning - and stated here on September 19 - that the mooted merger was not a merger, which implies equality, but a takeover by the dominant partner, namely Price Waterhouse. This truth rapidly sank in at Deloitte, where dissatisfaction, crystallized in a series of proposals designed to give Deloitte greater

By accepting them PW's policy committee won over Deloitte, where the merger was given the necessary voting support, but only at the cost of dissension in PW's own ranks.

Opposition, which led to the merger's failing to get enough support in the British firm, appears to have been led by Alan Wheatley. He thus emerges as a rival to Jeffery Bowman.

All in all the report on the stillborn Price Waterhouse Deloitte (the name of the doomed firm) must be heavily qualified.

Opec threat to drive down North Sea oil prices

From David Young, Geneva A weiled warning was given

Geneva yesterday that Opec may use its massive production potential to drive North Sea prices below their economic

The threat is the result of growing bitterness among Opec members because Britain has failed to restrict North Sea oil output and hold prices at the level set by Opec.

The 13 members of the

organizations ministerial council are divided on how pressure should be brought to bear on Britain to bring its oil policies into line With Opec's. The more moderate mem-bers, led by Sheikh Zaki Ahmed

ramani, the Saudi oil minister, believe that a policy of per-suasion should be used. Others say that Opec should up output and hit North Sea

Sheikh Yamani said yester day that he would oppose such a move. "We do not overestinate ourselves. After all, the British are our friends and we are all partners in the oil industry. We are not that arrogant."

Pay rises

accelerate

to average

of 8.2%

By David Smith,

Economics Correspondent

Average earnings grew by 8.2

per cent in the 12 months to

October, compared with 6.3 per

cent in the year to September. The October figure, which compared with a 5 per cent rise

in retail prices, was boosted by back pay for civil servants and

teachers.
This added about 2.2 per cent

to the index, while the miners'

strike and changes in the timing

of settlements reduced average

earnings by about 1.5 per cent.

The underlying rise in earn-ings is thus put at 7:5 per cent by the Department of Employ-

ment, the same figure as in every month since July.

of State for Employment, welcomed news of a 6,000 rise

in manufacturing, seasonally adjusted, rose by an average of

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further rise in the rate of growth

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cent, indicating a further slow-

Over the latest three months,

unit labour costs in manufactur-

ing grew by 5.3 per cent; compared with a year earlier, the same figure as in the third quarter. This compared with figures falls of I per cent in the United States, 6 per cent in Japan, and no change in Germany.

Figures from the Confeder-

ation of British Industry yester-

day indicate a flat trend in pay

settlements in manufacturing

Nottingham

bid fails

Nottingham Manufacturing's £53 million takeover bid for

Johnson Group Cleaners, Bri-

tain's biggest dry cleaning company, has failed. Mr Harry Djanogly's cash-

rich Marks and Spencer cloth-ing supplier last night conceded defeat in the 11-week-old

takeover battle, despite the fact

that under City rules it was allowed to extend the offer until

A spokesman for Hambros

Bank, Nottingham's financial

advisers, said that the bid was so far short of success that there

was no point in extending it any longer and the offer lapsed last

This is the fourth takeover

bid that Johnson, which is

advised by S. G. Warburg, has

fought off in seven years. It is a big setback for Nottingham.

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Germany.

down in productivity growth.

steady fall since the 1950s.

Mr Tom King, the Secretary

However, the Opec president,



Sheikh Yamani (left) answering questions yesterday.

Dr Subroto, the Indonesian oil minister, yesterday accused Britain and Norway of deliber-ately indulging in pricing practives which can only adersely affect Opec attempts to stabilize the oil market.

He said: "The most recent deplorable example of this is the intended shift of the North Sea producers towards linking the price of their cudes with the

Those producers must realize that the effect of such price practives can only be to estabilize the market and very adversely affect the elicately-balanced world oil price struc-

"Opec alone cannot go on bearing the enormous costs oil market stability in the face of such negative practices, particularly when the North Sea producers derive much more

benefit from market stability".
"Such harmful practices may
lead to a collapse of the market
and will hurt all oil producers.

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"Opec, which had been on the scene long before the North Sea emerged as a factor, and has vastly greater reserves, would surely prevail is such a development were to take place,

"It is ironical that it is those same producers, especially the UK, which are most vulnerable to any eventual price collapse resulting from their own prac-

These very countries have the highest oil investment costs in

Their oil fields, especially those which have been recently developed, are the most expens ive in the world and can never be sustained without a reasonably stable international oil

Opec opposition to a move linking world official oil price To those now being seen in the spot markets, despite the fact that it puts an estimated 60 per cent of its 16 million barrel a day output through the spot markets, was echoed yesterday by Sheikh Yamani,

He said: "The day that happens, if it ever happens, it will be chaos."

Westland slump Westland, the helicopter manu-

facturer, has reported a sharp fall in profits for the year to September 30. Profit before tax and exceptional items fell from £26 million to £16.8 million but fell to £2.8 million after the exceptional provision. Turnover fell from £326 million to 296 million. Tempus, page 17

Crystalate boost

Crystalate Holdings, the electronic components and equip-ment group, made taxable profits of £5.66 million in the year to September 30 against £3.2 million. The dividend was raised to 3.4p gross against 2.85p gross. Tempus, page 17

New Era sale

Guiness Peat has sold New Era Holdings, which operates New Era Laboratories, to Imperial Foods for £4.1 million.

Ti stake?

Heron Corporation has taken stake in TI Group, the West Midlands engineers, under a nominee name, according to market sources. TI directors were attempting to check reports of the stake, while no Heron directors were available

US bank buys 29.9% of Panmure Gordon

By Philip Robinson

brokers, for an undisclosed sum. But the Florida-based NCNB Corporation does not plan to take control when the rules allow.

It fears such a move could eopardize Panmure's corporate finance activities which provide the bulk of its business, and would take away the incentive for the present 26 partners and 170 staff of the firm.

Through its subsidiary Carolina Bank, NCB has been talking to Panmure for about a year. A price was struck last summer and completition is due in February.

Panmure Gordon, once the official brokers to the Japanese Government and Imperialist China, formerly ranked alongside Cazenove for image.

It now offers corporate finance advice to more than 100 companies, including Grand Metropolitan, Bass, ICI and Sterling Guarantee. It com-

A large US banking group has bought 29.9 per cent stake in Panmure Gordon, the stockpartner said yesterday: "We have structured our deal be-cause corporate finance is going to be a cut-throat area of the

new scene and we want to avoid any possible conflicts of interests, and still have the sound backing of the bank." At the end of last June, assets of NCNB were \$15.4 billion

(£13.1 billion). NCNB set up inLondon in 1972 and formed Carolina Bank seven years later. It established

a strong corporate finance presence. Acquisition of the Panmure stake is seen as a big step towards the creation of a broadly-based investment bank, ln a separate announcement yesterday, Kleinwort, Benson, the merchant bank, announced

that its Australian joint venture with Colonial Mutual Life Assurance is to acquire a half interest in Hattersley Maxwell Noall the Sydney-based stockbroking firm.

US growth increases by 1.2%

Economic growth in the

By Our Economics Correspondent

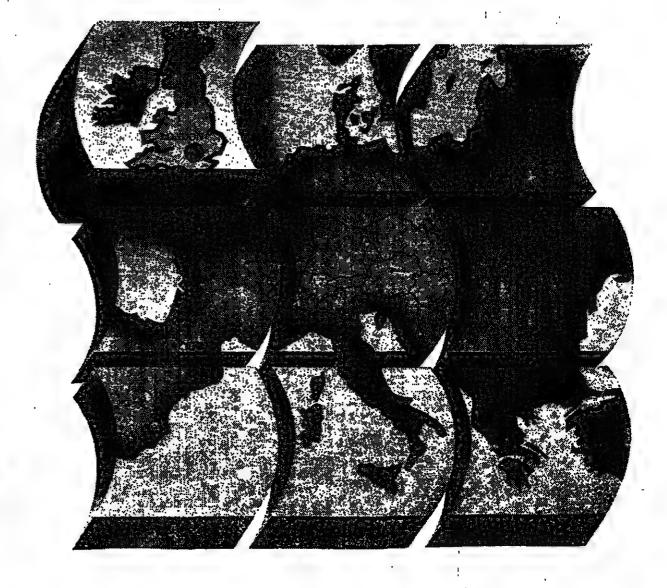
United States has accelerated this quarter, according to the first, or "flash", estimate of gross national product. The estimate shows annualized real GNP growth of 2.8 per cent, compared with a revised growth igure of 1.6 per cent in the third quarter. Financial markets were ex-

occurg a lower fourth quarter flash estimate of about 2.2 per cent. The higher-than-expected figure will reduce pressure on the Federal Reserve to ease its grip on the money supply, although most analysts still expect a half-point reduction in the Fed discount rate of 8.5 per

cent. Strong growth in consumer spending and an improvement n net exports were the main factors behind the fourth quarter growth improvement. Retail sales rose sharply in November and are reported to be strong in December.

for comment last night.

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of his 20 per cent stake in John Waddington, the Monopoly games maker. Last week Mr New York Maxwell conceded defeat in the Dow Jones fiercely contested £44 million Tokyo takeover bid for Waddington by Nikkai Dow Hong Kong: Hang Seng . Amsterdam: his British Printing and Communications Corporation. Skiney: AO Frankfurt: BPCC has sold just over 1.6 million Waddington shares to institutions for about £7.5 million. Earlier this week, Commerzbank Brussels: General Parist CAC BPCC announced it had sold a per cent holding and that Pergamon Press Inc. an over-

seas associate, had also sold

Mr Victor Wetson, Wadding-ton chairman, said last night: "I'm delighted: It seems that we have won more than just the hattle"

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Share rise continues

New York (Agencies) - A spectacular year-end rally trig-gered by lower interest rates the stock market carried sharply higher in heavy trading

yesterday.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which soared 34.78 points on Tuesday, was up 8.06 to 1,219.63 at 11am. The NYSE Index was up 0.54 to 97.32 and the price of an average share and the price of an average share and the price of an average share are the first state. was up 18 cents. Advances led declines by 976 to 396 among the 1,809 issues crossing the

Early volume amounted to about 49.41 million shares, the fifth heaviest on record.

Before the market opened the Commerce Dept reported that the economy is growing at an annual rate of 2.8 per cent in the current quarter. The pre-liminary estimate of Gross National Product will be revised in late Jan, when more information is available.

Tuesday's surge in the stock market was prompted by falling interest rates. Bankers Trust Co in New York matched Manufacturers Hanover Trust in a reduction in the prime lending rate to 10% per ceut from 11% per cent. National

was the most active issue up 4 to 13%. A T and T was second. off ½ to 18½ Texas Utilities, was third, off ½ to 25½.

IBM was up ½ at 123½.

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Advanced Micro Devices up ½ to 29% and Texas Instruments up 1/4 to 119.

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Baker, Mr A B Bockwell, Viscount Chandos, Mr I R Peacock, Mr D R Soper and Mr A J Summer have been appointed to the board. Mr R C Ryder has been appointed to the board of Kleinwort Benson Investment Management.

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Dowling joins the board on January 1. International Thomson Organisation; Mr Francis Higgins has been elected to board as

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director for consumer products. RAC Motoring Services and RAC Insurance Brokers: Mr Arthur R W Large becomes chief executive.

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Bell Canada International Mr Rheal Proulx has become managing director of BCI (UK). Creasy Public Relations Mr Howard Harding has been

(consumman); Mr Andrew Feilden
(joint managing director); Mr
Peter Hosken (joint managing director); Mr Nicholas Cobbold has been appointed chairman, succeeding Mr Robert Tainsh.

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morning. The shortage pinched increasingly in the afternoon, though the authorities eventually managed to relieve the bulk of it. Rates reached 101/2-10 per cent in the lunch period, and eventually closed around 12 - 10 per cent.

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ave. price, \$88.54p (-0.53).
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anything beyond the occasional light sally into money at two or seven days' notice.

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Foud Rate Starling Export Finance Scheme 1\ Average reference rate for interest period 3 November, 1984 to 4 December, 1984

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The pound took another few freinds, this only tended to

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Trading was inevitably very over world oil prices, brought in the last week before the the fore by the Opec meeting in Geneva.

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COMPANY NEWS

● PLYSU: Results for 28 weeks to Oct. 13. Interim, 0.949 (0.8p), Figs. in £000. Turnover 13,559 (12,330). Pft. before tax 1,900 (1.625). Tax 855 (725). EPS 6.5p (6.0p on old cap). The housewares performance has been particularly buoyant, although containers. although containers' turnover has tations. Expanding and updating production capacity continues and

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production capacity continues and co. is now installing further equipment which will have a marked effect on containers' production efficiency.

• AMERICAN OIL FIELDS SYSTEM: Half-year to June 30. Figs. in £000. Turnover 834 (956). Lease op. costs, windfall profits and production taxes, 164 (207). Trading loss 283 (346). Pretax loss 543 (644). Tax Nil (Nil). Loss per share, 5.40 (6.40).

5.4p (6.4p).

• EIS GROUP: Conditional into agreements have been entered into

Y. J. Lovell reports for the year to Sept. 30. Final 4.6p, mkg. (5.2p). Figs. in £000. T/over 209,133 (169.591). Tdg. pft. 6.470 (4.556). Pretax profit 6.420 (6.556).

The board says the consistent The board says the consistent growth in nearly all areas of activities and, in particular, private housebuilding, continues to demonstrate the group's ability to progress, notwithstanding the generally unfavourable conditions. The present year has started well and the directors believe the co. will continue to amorans in 1985. continue to prosper in 1985.

under which co. will acquire the Flexibox Group from Burmah Oil for £4.58 million cash. The transaction is expected to be completed towards the end of Jan. 1. An additional consideration, not exceeding £350,000, related to the 1984 profits and divs of Flexibox Overseas subside, and assoc. cos. will also be paid.

 CADBURY-SCHWEPPES and AB Marabou have signed an agreement in principal to co-operate in Sweden and the other Nordic in Sweden and the other Northe markets. Marabou will acquire 25 per cent of Cadbury's Swedish sub., Cadbury Slotts and has an option to acquire further shares at a later date. The parties intend that oppor-tunities will be sought for distri-bution of each other's brands.

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TATE AND LYLE: Sub, Redpath Industries, has agreed to sell in packaging division consisting of Merrry Packaging and CB Packaging to Nor Baker Industries, of Newmarket, Ontario. The transaction will be completed in January 1985.

TOWLES: Intm. div. ail (same) for half-year to Ang. 31. Figs. in 2000. Turnover 5.513 (5.014). Pretax loss 334 (325). Loss situation shown is usual as at Angust 31 each year. The seasonal nature of co's products, knitwear in perticular, is such that a significantly high proportion of turnover and related profits are not normally achieved until the second half of the year.

LONDON AND MAN-CHESTER SECURITIES: Co has entered into an agreement for the purchase of T & F Investments for 42.5 million to be satisfied by the allotment to the T & F Investment's shareholders of 25 million oxid shares in London and Manchester. If the transaction is approved by the London and Manchester shareholders, this will give the share-

holders in T & F Investments 41.6 £988,400, which will be satisfied by per cent of London and Manchester's enlarged issued ord. share and the issue, credited as fully paid, and the issue, credited as fully paid,

● FLEXELLO CASTORS AND
WHEELS: Final 2p (0.7p) for year
to Sept 30. (Figs in £000). Group
turnover 11,568 (8,915). Pretax
BET 74 (1982 22) PFT, 734 Goss 33 SYLTONE: Half-year to Sept 30. laterin 3.6p (same). Figs in £000. Turnover 8,909 (6,882). Pretax PFT 469 (159). Tax 174 (184). Minorines 3 (2). Attrib PFT 292 (27 loss). PFT

after tax is considerably enhanced due to the lifting of the burden of unrelieved tax losses overseas, states, unrelieved tax losses overseas, states, board.

PICT PETROLEUM:) Results for year to Oct 31. Figs in £000 Turnover 1,468 (65). Profit on oil and gas trading 541 (loss 23). Admin expenses 112 (154). Pre and post-tax loss, 823 (loss 232). The level of activity which Pict is planning for 1028 chould entire a continuing

1985 should ensure a continuing 1985 should ensure a continuing drilling interest.

Hickson interest.

Hickson interest Hickson announces a £1.2 million agreed bid for the privately-owned Beds Flooring and Adhesive Distributors Ltd. The acquisition will increase the geographical coverage of Hickson subsidary Alvin, Morris Ltd and provide benefits both of scale and synergy.

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 Jp. MKG.1.75p (1.7p) for year to
 Sept 30. Figs in £000. T/over 30,741
 (23.292). Grp. trading profit 1,786
 (1,771). Surplus on sale of listed investments 884 (1,808). Pretax profit 2,670 (3,579). Tax 756 (851).
 Extraord dbts.15 (119). Eps 7.4p (11.1p).

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TOPS ESTATES: Rental income for six mths. to Sept 30, £51,297 (£32,382). Prop. ontgoings £3,595 (£7,563). Admin. expenses: £6,095 (£4,495). Interest receivable £157 (£137). Interest pay. £12,506 (5,785). Pretax pft £29,258 (£14,676). Tax £11,622 (£4,789). No interim thividend.

F. AND C. ALLIANCE IN-VESTMENT: Half-year to Oct 31. Int. 0.55 (0.5pp). The board's present intention is at least to maintain final of 1.1p. Franked income (figs in £000) 437 (452). Gross revenue 1,004 (975). Interest payable 207 (455). Tax 224 (117). Revenue aurib, 410 (295). Eps 0.89p (0.63).

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METALRAX has exchanged contracts for the purchase of G S Smart Co. Smart operates from freehold premises at Moseley Road Birmingham and manufactures metal occasional furniture, garden chairs and tables for sale to mailorder houses. The consideration is

RECENTISSUES

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SAMUEL PROPERTIES has

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entered into an agreement to purchase for £3.9m the freshold interests in: 4/7 Chiswell St. London and 153/161. The Broadway Wimbledon, SW19. The board has also entered into an agreement to purchase for £3.1m the freehold nterest in Westway House, Greenford, Middlesex.

• SOUTHEND STADIUM has onditionally agreed to purchase H consideration will be £240,000 and will be satisfied by the issue of \$521,740 new ord. shares in Southend, all of which have been conditionally placed on behalf of the vendors by Southend stockbrokers with various ingiturions. with various institutions.

C. W. Walker intends to raise about £770,000 net by an underwritten rights issue of new ord shares at 17p per share on a one-for-one basis. The directors have also arranged for one million new ord shares to be placed with investors at 19p per share. The board said that over the past few years trading has been difficult and the company has experienced material losses. Despite improved trading conditions co is still hampered by very high borrowings. The board, therefore, believes that the time is right to raise new capital both to reduce borrow-ings and to consolidate the group's improved trading pros-

R H MORLEY GROUP: No intm. div. (uil). Figs in £000. T/over 1,812 (1.693) for six months to Sept 30. Pretax profit 72 (61). Tax 24 (nil). EPS 2.67p (2.44p). Turnover is rather disappointing due to the fact that the metalworkers' strike in West Germany made the manufacturers after the timetable for the installation of the new machinery. The new plant is fully operational The new plant is fully operational and has shown a marked improvement in the level of production and the cost of production over the corresponding period of 1983 (November and December). Shares 44p, dn lp.

Base Lending **Rates**

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Citibank Savings - 1074%
Consolidated Crds - 974%
Continental Trust 9½% Continental Trust C. Hoare & Co Lloyds Bank 97.% Midland Bank 97.%

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Bowater jumps 19p as fund managers spot the bargain

Bowater Industries, shorn of its American operations, is starting to attract increasing investment interest reflected sesterday in a sharp 19p rise to take the shares to a new peak for the year of 213p.

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The company itself was saying it could not find any reason for the sudden upward movement although it has been sceing analysts and must clearly be satisfied that the message is getting through.

Tony Pennie of James Capel has been saying the shares looked interesting since they stood at 150p in the summer and he now thinks the shares are starting to get the re-rating they deserve. "I think fund managers are realizing they still look cheap. The improvement in the economy is starting to work its way through to the packaging and paper sector where all the companies have been performing well."

So is there still plenty of steam left in the Bowater price?" Our target price was 250p," Mr Pennie remarked. Estimates of Bowater's pretax

profits in the curent year - following the opening half's £12.4 million - are up to £39 million and £55 million the year

City opinions about BOC Group appear divided. A recent meeting with the company has shown two camps among the analysts. One reckons BOC is a dull prospect, but others, such as James Capel and Hoare Govett, are bullish about the shares. Yesterday BOC slipped

Meanwhile, Imperial Chemical ladustries is showing star quality, rising another op to 746p. The chemicals giant has shown little respect for the 700p barrier, jumping more than 60p in the past week.

Among brewers Matthew Brown provided excitement as the shares out on another 10p to 246p. That makes a two-day gain of 26p and does nothing to dispel market talk of a bid.

Scottish & Newcastle is tipped as the buyer, but its share price held fairly steady at 1364p, down just 4p on the

situation, leaving City men their previous annual trading new trading peak of 233p, but confident the company will be peak of 142p, the target for S & N expansion DRG also came back into the back 1p to 64p. in the south.

tinued its share price gain ahead of today's figures with a 7p rise to 328p, and there was progress of a few pence for Boddingtongs Breweries, Greenall Whitlay, Greene King and Arthur Guin-

round in the battle for Bath & Portland yesterday, sending out a circular to B&P shareholders asking: "Where are the facts?"

Coalite Group pushed ahead 5p yesterday to another peak of 226p, After recent meetings with the company, stockbrokers are feeling very bullish about the chemicals group. Quilter Goodison is among that number, concurring with the City view that Coalite can make £33 million or more for the current year, against £18.6 million last

There is still no estimate of profits for the past year, no indication of current trading and no updated asset valuation, Beazer says.

It wants to know particularly

whether B&P intends to sell its minerals division - Beazer would retain the division - and why B&P is prepared to sell its controlling interest in Meditech

B&P shares shrugged off the attack finishing 2p higher at 279p. Beazer also added on 2p to 362p. The Beazer share and cash offer values B&P shares at

Richard Clay, producers of the Mills & Boon books, got a 10p fillip to 103p as speculators chat suggested that Clay could be on the shopping list for buyers in the publishing sector, with asset values underpinning the price. In the last report and accounts net assets per share were priced at over 115p, on an historie cost basis.

Molins, the cigarette paper and packaging engineers, was day.

At Matthew Brown no one bid hopes. The shares rose 2p to was willing to comment on the 136p, taking them ever closer to

limelight, rising 5p to 152p. Market observers reckon a Prices on the engineering pitches were firm, with Smith Industries still enjoying Tuessizeable stake has been built up in the company, and would not day's annual statement. The shares gained 7p to 694p.

Westland shares fell apart be surprised to see a 5 per cent holding declared soon. But expectations of a full bid for the

alongside the poor profits news, dropping 10p to 126p. The helicopter makers has had a producers of Basildon Bond are tough time in the past year.

Simon Engineering followed the general movement upward, rising 6p to 220p, but Whessoe came in for profit-taking after just over 5 per cent of the shares. The Lex share price gained 10p to 290p, edging that

Phillips & Drew, the stock broker, keeps a buy tag on shares of Trident Television. Its, analyst, Mr Jeffrey Harwood, reckons the leisure group will make £14.5 million in the current year and should continue to outperform the market. Cash balances amount to roughly 60p a share, he notes. The group made just under £13 million of profits in the year to the end of September.

its recent optimistic trading

British Aerospace stays on the wing, rising 8p to 378p on continued enthusiasm for earnings prospects. Bid hopes raised tobell shares 20p to 309p. Austin Reed, the clothing chain, edged closer to Savile Row tailers Gleves, lifting its

share stake to 7.9 per cent from 6.8 per cent. Gieves shares slipped 4p to 76p. The pound's problems on

foreign exchanges unsettled gilts which closed around half a

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

■ BECORIT (GB): A sub of Steel Brothers Hidgs, has purchased from the liquidators of Robert Hudson (Raletrux), the assets of that co's concerned with the manufacture of railed vehicles and effluent treatment plant. The assets incl. the name Robert Hudson (Raletrux). the title to all work-in-progress, working drawings, existing orders, some completed work and the narrow-gauge railway wheels and axies which are a substantial part of Hudson's railed-vehicle busin SELECTION: WESTERN Final 1.7p, mkg. 2.7p (2.5p) for year

sti fading into the background.

Lex Service gained ground

rapidly yesterday on news that Provident Mutual Life Assur-

ance has taken its holding to

stock further away from the bottom end of its trading range.

Elsewhere among the motor traders, British Car Auctions

again made headway. The shares rose 5p to 94p, pulling out of the doldrums in which

they have languished in recent

Jaguar hit a new price peak as the rising dollar gave

investors enthusiasm for the car

manufacturers. The shares rose

Even Ford and General

Motors managed to pick up pennies - and cents - in the

brighter mood for car sales and

But Lucas Industries is still

particularly for dollar earnings.

suffering from bad news about

the effect of strikes on the

group's sales and current profi-

tability. Shareholders heard the

worst from Mr Godfrey Messer-

vy, the chairman at the annual

Avon Rubber bounced 8n to a

6p to 228p.

to Sept 30. Figs. in £000. T/over 6,882 (5,662) Pretax profit 616 (405).

● HAWTIN: results for 12 months to Sept 30 (8 months), Div. 0.375p (0.25p) figs in 000. T/over 16.551 (9.388). Pretax profit 1,086 (606) after interest payable, 303 (194). Tax 879 (511). Minorities nit (3 CDT), Extraord items CDT 3 (DBT 22). EPS 1.62p (0.95) shares

 IRISH ROPES: Dividend 2.1p (1.75p) for year ended Sept 30. Sales IRE27.41m (£IRE25.04m). Profit IR£249.063) before IR£12,304 (£IR13,793).

TSB to spend £8m on sell-off advertising

By Jeremy Warner

Up to £8 million is likely to be set aside by the Trustee Savings banks for spending on a British Telecom-style advertising and promotional campaign in the run up to the 1,624 brauch network's £1 billion stock market flotation a year

Dewe Rogerson, the public relations and advertising firm employed to handle the Tele-com sale, is handling the flotation marketing, advertising and public relations for TSB.

The firm will act in tandem with J. Walter Thomson, which already handles TSB's customer advertising and is preparing proposals for a press and television corporate campaign.

Mr Miles Colebrook, a
director of J. Walter Thomson, said he envisaged a campaign similar to Telecom's "Power Behind the Button" advertising

to increase public awareness of the bank and its ambitions, Such a campaign will cost about £5 million according to reliable outside estimates. On top of that there will advertising, marketing and promotion. The amount Telecom spent on advertising and promotion for its flotation is estimated to have

been about £17.5 million, Mr Anthony Carlisle, a director of Dewe Rogerson, said that one problem the promotional and marketing campaign faced was the distinctive social profile of the TSB's six million customers at whom the offer of shares will be particularly

The firm will be conducting market research into the attitude to the flotation of these customers, the majority of whom have not held shares

Mr Carlisle said: "It is fair to say that we will be looking at socio-economic groups which are quite different from those who subscribed for British Telecom shares.

A great deal of promotional activity will be conducted through the TSB's huge branch network. The TSB's financial advisors.

Lazard Brothers may have to build incentives into the offer for sale to ensure that small first time investors do not sell their shares for a quick profit the moment dealings begin on the

TEMPUS

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Westland puts a brave face on poor sales

Westland's problems summed up quite aptly in yesterday's preliminary statement which said almost apolothe company has received firm orders for two Lynx helicopters and a letter of intent for three Sea Kings." As a company dominated by helicopter manufacturing Westland is manufacturing Westland is simply not selling enough of

Yesterday's figures only amplified Westland's misery. Pretax profits of £26 million last year slumped to £16.8 million. They fell further after the inclusion of a £14 million exceptional item and the attributable profit was transformed into a loss once extraordinary items of £5.7 million had been accounted

The company was forced to make a £11 million transfer from its development reserve

in order to cover the dividend. The profit and loss account is not a pretty sight. With earnings per share of only 1.9p before extraordinary items, compared to 32.4p last year, it was therefore surprising that Westland's management was not more concerned.

Instead it put on a brave face and talked optimistically about future orders for helicopters. Sadly the company needs more than just talk it needs to see hard cash in the bank, Borrowings rose from about £20 million to £60 million and the 50 per cent gearing now looks a

Despite the progress which is being made in the group's other activities, the technologies group saw profits rise from £7.2 million to £10.2 million, it is the helicopters which hold the key to the company's future. The civil market is taking much longer to mature than had been expected and while the Westland product is excellent the infrastructure which could provide a source of sales does not yet exist. The need for civil helicopters is still

restricted. With military spending somewhat restricted at the moment there is no immediate prospect of any abatement of Westland's problems from that source. However, the Government is planning to announce a big order next year and Westland is in the running to

speculation about the prospects of future orders. They closed down 10p to 126p on the the brave at the moment.

Crystalate Holdings

The results of Crystalate acquisition of Royal Worcester iast December and the sale 10 months later of the china and ceramic interests.

Pretax profits in the year to September 30 were 76 per cent ahead at £5.66 million, but nearly £2 million was con-tributed by china. However, china also accounted for about £800,000 of additional interest costs, so the basic electronic business made £4.5 milion

Welwyn Electronics, the part of Royal Worcester that Crystalate kept, pushed ahead strongly making £2 million in the 10 months, indicating a downturn in the existing Crystalate businesses to £2.5 illion from £3.2 million, British Telecom's changed buying pattern was the culprit.

in a pre-privatization squeeze it invoked the clause in its contract which allowed it to leave Crystalate with three months stock and a three-month delay in payment instead of instant take-up of orders. Besson, the Crystalate division making telphones, had its margins croded and the effects are expected to continue into January to February.

continue to improve, so there should still be a useful profits advance this year. The shares fell 28p to 245p

on disappointment that profits were not higher. The price-earnings ratio is 14 on an exceptionally low 30 per cent tax charge and is unlikely to come down much this year as the tax charge will go up to 40 per cent The results have doubly

underlined the shrewdiness of the Worcester acquisition - a fat profit on the china sales and Welwyn making the running on the electronics side. It is to be hoped the next acquisition comes soon, before a predator is attracted to a company capitalized at £55.5 million sitting on cash of more than

Crystalate is looking for acquisitions in the electronics sector, but has nothing in its

Bairstow Eves

Bairstow Eves, Britain's first publicly-quoted estate agent is going for a £0.8 million rights issue to continue its expansionist policy in the house selling business. It is a business which Bairslow is finding highly profitable.

The secret of the company's success lies in the volume of sales it achieves through its network of 100 offices. Part of the rights issue will be devoted to increasing the number of offices and widening its geographical spread in the direction of Aylesbury, Bucking-hamshire, And more small firms of estate agents are likely to be swept into the Bairstow Eves network before long. The other part of the

company's attack on the residential market is in the fastgrowing field of financial services, Bairstow bought Peter Rambow and Associates, the financial services company for £1.89 million at the beginning of this year, but it is only now becoming aware of the huge potential that this acquistion

Bairstow expects this part of its business to contribute 20 per cent of profits in the coming year.

With house prices in the South east rising at about 10 to 15 per cent a year. Bairstow content of its business by that amount. The building societies are awash with money so the future for the residential estate agent is looking rosy. There will be opportunities for Bairstow to pick up some of not obtain a flotation on their OWN account

The company is forecasting that earnings per share for 1984 will see a 31 per cent rise over last year. And the board is recommending a final dividend of 0.805p per share. It expects the 1985 dividend to be 1.8p a share on the enlarged share capital after the rights issue on a one-for-three basis at 64p. If that comes about shareholders will see a 24 per cent increase over this year's dividend. The shares stood at 80p. They were first offered to the public at 46p

Joint venture for Shipley | Opax offers and Imperial Life

By Richard Thomson

Brown Shipley, the merchant the same name, with £24 bank, and Imperial Life million under management. Assurance Company of Canada look set to launch a joint enterprise in the retail fund management sector. Brown Shipley is taking a 50 per cent stake in Laurentian Investment. be relaunched next April under Life's managed funds.

Laurentian Investment will specialize in private client portfolio investment, accepting a minimum amount of £10,000. It will exist in parallel to Brown Imperial Life's licensed dealer Shipley's unit trusts and pensubsidiary. The company will sion funds, and to Imperial

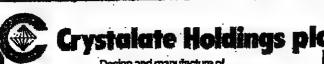
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| 1984 RESULTS - | - Year to 30 September – | | |
|---|--------------------------|--------|--|
| | 1984 | 1983 | |
| Sales - | £000 | 2000 | |
| continuing activities | 50,959 | 23,898 | |
| Operating profit - | 4,669 | 3,205 | |
| continuing activities china and ceramics | 2,489 | - | |
| Profit before taxation | 5,657 | 3,211 | |
| Profit after taxation | 3,934 | 1,653 | |
| Earnings per share (basic | 18.22p | 10.94p | |
| Proposed final dividend | 2.38p | 2.00p | |
| Total dividend for year . | 3.85p | 3.26p | |
| Net assets per share | 100.97p | 39.45p | |
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All the remaining operating units show every prospect of continuing growth during 1985.

£21m

and specialist printer which last week bought Fleet Holdings' 21.6 per cent stake in Sir Joseph Causton, has made a £21 million offer for the whole company. Causton the printer and

publisher, put out a holding statement neither recommend-

Norton shares for five Causton, values Causton at 124.8p at yesterday's closing prices of Causton up 15p at 121p and Norton unchanged at 156p. Norton bought the stake from Fleet for 95p a share. There is a sack alternative at 110.4p cash alternative at 110.4p

18 months, since its abortive bid for John Waddington.
There is speculation that Mr

Norton Opax takeover.

Zanussi approves Swedish takeover

Electrolux's takeover of satisfaction by a special meting of the Italian company's share-holders at its headquarters at Pordenone, And from the new year the problems for the new Swedish parent of what was once Europe's biggest manufac-turer of white domestic ap-pliances are likely to begin.

Had it not been for the rescue, Zanussi's chances of survival were doubtful. It lost L130 billion (£58 million) in 1983, and the company admits continuing losses this year. The Zanussi family never applied for a stock exchange listing as a remedy for the under-capitalization that initially was the course of its troubles, but relied on bank borrowing, as a result of which a \$560 million rescheduling package was only negotiated with difficulty with foreign and Italian creditor banks.

Electrolux says it is prepared to invest about L500 billion (£225 million) in the next three-years to get Zanussi on its feet. Signor Gian Maria Rossignoli, the 54 years old chairman the 54-year-old chairman it put in, is starting work on a reorganization plan

Electrolux's takeover of The Zanussi family, which Zanussi has been approved after founded a backyard group long negotiations to general making wood-fired cookers in 1916, has been quietly removed, though Signor Gianfranco Zoppas, last chairman and husband of one of the Zanussi daughters, has been made chairman of a subsidiary, Zanussi Grandi Impianti. The main shareholders now

are Electrolux, with 49.04 per cent (and an option subsequently to increase this to 75 per cent, mainly through taking up a special convertible bond issue), the Friuli-Venezia Giulia region and Crediop, each 8.17 per cent. Others have smaller amounts, including the Zanussi family, left with 2.88 per cent.

A key attitude will be that of the Italian unions, which have greeted with mixed feelings the passage of control into foreign hands. They will be suspicious of any attempt under the reorganization plan to cut the workforce further - from the current 19,800 (32,000 some This edvertisement is issued in compliance with the requirements of the Council of The Stock Exchange

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Crystalate Holdings plc Design and manufacture of Earnings per share up 66%

acquired in December 1963 were sold in October 1964 for over £20 million.

The Royal Worcester china and ceremics businesse

for Causton By Alison Eadie Norton Opax, the security

ing nor rejecting the offer. The two companies have had talks, but Causton is still undecided because it did not want to be delayed by the Christmas holidays. The share offer of four

Norton Opax has grown fast through acquisitions in the last

Robert Maxwell's BPCC, fresh from its second defeat at Waddington's hands, may yet again jump in on an attempted

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY/ SPORT

Timidity at Treasury will not force silence on the wets

By Tim Congdon

Reflation, the battle cry of I ory dissidents. is still not the answer

The "wets" in the Conservative Party, and their many admirers in the other parties, came to the end of what they have to say about economics three of four years ago. Unfortunately, they have found it impossible to

slop. Their views on economic management have become tediously familiar. In essence, they want the Government to "do something" and, since they cannot think of governments doing anything else, they want it to spend more money.

This recommendation is made to sound more sophisti-cated by being labelled "fiscal reflation". It is to be ac-complished by increasing public sector investment and expanding the budget deficit. The idea seems to be that the larger budget deficit will increase demand in the economy, promoting output and employ-

The debate about reflation has lasted at least a decade and has become very boring. So it is tiresome that the counter-arguments need to be restated once again. But, if the reflationists apparently think they can win by repeating themselves often enough, they should not be surprised if they are answered in the same way.

The main objection to re-flation is that, if the Government adheres to a non-inflationary monetary policy, the extra government spending has to be financed by sales of giltedged securities rather than by monetary expansion. Official gilt sales encroach on the nation's savings pool, putting upward pressure on interest

Higher interest rates discourage private sector spending, partly because consumers borrow less and partly because companies have a weaker incentive to invest. Private sector expenditure is crowded out by increased public sector expenditure, not necessarily by the same amount but enough to make the whole exercise futile as a means of invigorating

Servicing involves higher interest payments in future

Unhappily, interest payments on the debt themselves represent more government spendincrease in the budget deficit, which adds to the national debt. As ex-finance ministers from

Argentina and Bolivia could testify, the only ultimate beneficiaries of this miserable process are dealers in government debt and printers of banknotes. Output and employment collapse when serious efforts are made to sort out the

Fiscal reflation, like alcohol, is doubtfully effective in the short run as a stimulant and in the long run acts as a depressant

of the worst possible kind. Since these truths were recognized in Britain in the mid-1970s, the ratio of the public sector borrowing requirement to gross domestic product has been reduced from over 10 per cent to about 2.5 per cent.

The reflationists have to concede that a large budget deficit cannot be reconciled with low inflation for ever. Nevertheless, they can retain credibility by urging a relatively short period of calculated irresponsibility in which the PSBR is deliberately kept above its desirable long-run level.

By this means, they might argue, a phase of rapid growth would be generated. The growth would be unsustainable, but it would at least bring some of the unemployed back into work. At the appropriate moment fiscal prudence could be restored, reducing the PSBR and keeping inflation under control.

The difficulty with this proposal is that it assumes a benign cleverness and foresight in governments which financial markets do not believe them to possess. If the Chancellor were to announce that the PSBR is to be increased by 2 per cent of GDP for the next three years, but that afterwards it is to return to the level previously planned very few holders of government debt would trust

To compensate for the extra riskiness of gilt-edged securities, the Treasury would have to pay

The Chancellor has done sadly little to strengthen financial confidence

higher interest rates on new issues. As we have seen, a spendthrift government can find itself overwhelmed by debt servicing costs if the budget deficit is excessive. The danger is exaggerated and made more immediate the higher are

Is this consideration a compelling argument against fiscal reflation in Britain in 1984? Because of the relatively good housekeeping of recent years it is less compelling than in many other countries. In Italy interest on the national debt is almost 15 per cent of national income whereas in Britain it is under 5 per cent.

But the constraint still remains relevant. According to the Autumn Statement one of the reasons for the slippage on the 1984/85 PSBR target is that interest rates, and hence interest payments on the national debt, were under-estimated at Budget time. A substantial increase in public sector investment would undoubtedly have a further damaging effect on debt servic-

There is another, more specific problem with Britain's public sector finances over the

revenues are likely to peak in 1985/86 at about £12 billion. No one knows for certain how much they will fall thereafter, but it is conceivable that they will be down to £8 billion by 1987/88, the last complete financial year before the next general election.

Significant fiscal reflation would be risky, not just because of what it would do to the PSBR in 1985-86 but also because of the repercussions in later years. If the PSBR were £10 billion next year instead of the £7 billion envisaged in the medium-term financial strategy, it might threaten to reach £15 billion by 1987-88. The struggle to control it would not be politically enjoyable for Mr

Lawson. In fact, when allowance is made for asset sales and North Sea revenues, fiscal policy - as measured by the cyclically-adjusted PSBR - has been more or less neutral since 1982-83. The PSBR is manageable at present thanks largely to the buoyancy

of North Sea tax receipts. Were these receipts to decline sharply after large schemes of public sector investment had been initiated, the Government could find itself in an awkward situation as the next election approached. Whatever the rights and wrongs of the theoretical controversy over reflation, there are some obvious political disadvantages in proceeding with it now.

These may not bother the wets, but they ought to trouble Mrs Thatcher and her Cabinet colleagues.

The task of fiscal control is eased if the Government enjoys financial confidence, because this leads to more moderate inflation expectations and lower interest rates. Low interest rates reduce the interest payment element in public expenditure. This point is far from trivial when real interest rates are twice the historical norm.

In his first 18 months as done sadly little to strengthen financial confidence. In his 1983 Mansion House speech ne referred to price stability as an "eventual" objective, but the remark has since been more or less forgotten.

This is not surprising as this year's Budget was pathetic in its programme for inflation (to decline from 4.75 per cent in 1984/85 to 3.5 per cent in 1987/86) and feeble in its projections for the PSBR (to drop from 2.25 per cent of GDP in 1984/85 to 1.75 per cent in

The Autumn Statement, imitting that the PSBR in 1984/85 might be above target, and the Chancellor's recent willingness to speculate about tax cuts in 1985/86, have not increased respect for the Government's financial determination. It will be a pity if their initial failure to set bold targets leaves Treasury ministers constantly and unreservedly on the defensive in their debates with the wets.

The author is economics partner at stockbrokers L Messel

COMMERCIAL

profits

"Waste not, want not" is an adage traditionally applied to thrifty northerners. It admirably sums up the chairman of Peel

Holdings, Mr John Whittaker, whose farming background in

Lancashire may well have contributed to his determi-

nation to wring every ounce of

profit from seemingly valueless

Derelict mill buildings around Rochdale, relics of the

once booming cotton industry,

provide Peel Holdings with a

handy source of income and

provide the solid base for its

expansionist and highly success-

ful retail developments pro-

sq ft of retail space in out-of

purchased another such ven-

Peter Jevans, who runs the

His skills, applied to Oriel

Foods, Key Markets and Ab-

beygate Markets, will no doubt

be brought to bear on Peel's

latest acquisition, Bridgewater Estates, Peel's £18 million share

offer for the company, is nearly complete with 90 per cent of

The acquisition enables Peel

to reduce its gearing from 86 per

cent to 50 per cent and to

The dilution of assets per

share resulting from the Bridge-water bid should be offset by

the rise in the value of its retail

portfolio and it does mean the

company can go ahead with

The value of the portfolio rose from just under £7 million to over £46 million between

This was partly due to injection of Largs' property interests into the Peel portfolio,

Largs being the holding com-pany for Peel, but also to the

ability of Mr Whittaker and his

team to spot potentially lucra-

tive retail opportunities ahead

However, Mr Whittaker does

admit that the phenomenal

growth rate the company has

experienced may be more

difficult to sustain in the future.

folio, comprising 9,000 acres of

land, could have some plums

Mr Whittaker expects Bridge-

water to contribute £600,000 in

pretax profits for the full year. It means that Peel's high dividend

policy can be maintained as

assets will no longer have to be

sold off to meet the cost. The

high divident policy is there to

Brokers are predicting that

the company's pretax profits for

the year to March will be about

£1.8 million. Mr Whittaker will

not be drawn. He says he likes

to keep something back, if only

to keep a step ahead of the

And Peel itself will have to

keep ahead of the market

having established a success

rate that is now built into its

But the Bridgewater port-

agricultural

acceptances due this week.

expand its equity base.

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Share rating.

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March 1982 and 1984.

company's retail division,

PROPERTY Fowler underlines case **Peel turns** with sparkling century as Baptiste industrial relics into

exciting century by Graeme Fowler put England on top on the first day of their four-day match against East Zone here yesterday. At the close, England were 277 for eight, with French, the reserve wicket-keeper, un-beaten on 13, and Foster on 14.

On a wicket which showed distinct signs of turn, Fowler's batting partners had difficulty coping with the East Zone's spin attack.

The match was watched by a sparse crowd of barely 2,000. The stadium in the capital of Assam, India's troubled northeastern state, was closely guarded by mounted policemen and every spectator was subject to a strict security check.

Scoreboard

Peel has more than 550,000 England: First lanings der c sub b Kumar..... 3 Fowler c sub b Kemar 4 D Moxon c Jayaprakash b Dosto 4 D Lamb b Jayaprakash N W Gazing c Lat b Kemar C S Cowdrey st Deora b Jayaprakash town superstores and has just The company's strength lies in its ability to obtain pre-lets on its retail development through the expertise of Mr

Total (8 wids)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-85. 2-119, 3-180, 4-183, 5-220, 6-243, 7-248, 8-251, 9-, BOWLING: Singh B-1-19-0, Sinha 8-1-37-0 Dosh 345-82-1 Kumar 35-13-76-4 Jayapra-kash 11-0-63-2. EAST ZONE: 'D R Dosh, 'R Doora, Arun Lef, K Oubey, A Mitra, A Das, A Bharadwa, A Jayaprakash, A Sanha, A Kumar, Randhr

If the atmosphere was subdued, Fowler was not. He savaged a weak East Zone attack, scoring 11 fours and a six, before being caught off Avinash Kumar for 114.

Moxon, Fowler's rival to open the England batting with Robinson in the Third Test at Calcutta, made a confident and aggresive 36 in only his second match of the tour.

Gatting, deputizing as cap-tain for Gower, scored a brisk 37 before falling to a smart catch by Arun Lai, being caught at slip, slashing at a rising ball

Kapil Dev might enter politics

Kapil Dev, the Indian all-rounder dropped from the Indian squad after their defeat by England in the second Test, is thinking of going into politics.

Kapil Dev said he supported the country's ruling Congress (1) party and would be joining it later. He urged all sportsmen to support the Congress (1) and said it was the only party which could field "a full team

Kapil Dev's announcement comes just before the country goes to the polls on Sunday.

the final of the InterCity British

championship, at Sheffield, appeard

concluded when he was over-powered by Geoff Williams, the top

seed. But it seems that the smiling 24-year-old Gateshead Hospital

of dream fulfilment.

echnician has tapped a main vein

of dream fulfilment.
Today he is named in the
England squad for the Home
International series in Belfast early
next month and it looks likely that

his hopes for a professional breakthrough are also to be

answered. InterCity themsleves were so impressed with Beeson's



he was more respectful of Dilip

from Kumar. Gower and Robinson are on a tiger safari in the western desert state of

From a healthy 180 for three, England slipped to 251 for eight as Kumar, who finished with four for 76, and his fellow spin bowler Asjit Jayaprakash (two for 53) rifled the middle order. Only Fowler appeared to have Jayaprakash well in hand, hitting him for three consecutive and demoralizing fours, but

Boon: flying home

SQUASH RACKETS

Beeson included in England squad

By Colin McQuillan

The story-book advance of the underwriting a change to full-time when within four points of a similar reviously unrated Bryan Becson to squash for the man who needed victory. Martin Bodimeada defeated the talented Egyptian, Hesham El

three days emergency leave to

Beeson's rise to form came from

his increasingly competitive per-formances in the American Express

Premier League. It is also signifi-

cant, that, although Armley Were not in the field this week, most of

Becson's England colleagues were

again prominent against powerful

league opposition.
Williams bimself displayed the

confidence of a new champion, destroying the world No 4. Stuart

Davenport, in straight games to lead the 5-0 rout of Tyrelia by Manchesier Northern. His second

compete at Sheffield.

humorous and sporting progress Manchester Northern. His second through their first national cham-string, David Pearson, forced Phil pionships, they are thinking of Kenyon into ignominous retirement

unbeaten partnership of 26 to re-assert England's dominance. Assam, troubled by a cam-

paign by ethnic Assamese for the eviction of Moslem settlers from neighbouring Bangladesh, is normally out of bounds to foreigners, and journalists have been asked to concentrate only

Doshi, the veteran Test spinner.

and Forster put on a valuable

When Fowler left, French

Boon breaks leg in car crash

Tim Boon, Leicestershire's prom-lsing young batsman, is la hospital with a badly broken leg following a car crash in Durban, South Africa, and may miss the start of the English season.

Boon, aged 22, has had an operation to pin his thigh and will fly home from his coaching job as soon as he is fit enough to travel.

Boon only established himself in the Leicestershire aide last season, passing 1,000 runs for the first time and hitting three centuries.

Atlar, to complete the 5-0 victory for Cannons over Redwood Lodge. David Lloyd is still recovering from the atack of mumps that took him

out of the national championship, but his Edgbaston Priory team still,

managed a 3-2 win over Notting-

ham.

ENGLAND SQUAD: © Williams, D Lloyd, B Besson, A Naytor, D Pearson; M Bodimsade.

AMERICAN EDMIESS PREMIER LEAGUE Manchester Northern 5, Tyrells (Southempton) D; Edghaston Priory 3, Notingham 2; Carnores (London) 5, Redwood Lodge (Brissol) 0, Pealthons 1, Manchester Northern 47pts; 2, Cannons 39; 3, Squash Leicester 37; 4, Edghaston Priory, 36; 5, Tyrells 27; 6 Notlingham 23; 7 Armiey (Leeds) 22; 8 Redwood Lodge 13; 9 Durnings MRI (East Grisseed) 8.

CRICKET: ENGLAND TAME EAST ZONE SPINNERS W Indies ease home cuts loose

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Echuca, Victoria (Reuter) -Eldine Baptiste, the all-rounder omitted from the West Indies side for the first three Tests against Australia, smashed an agressive 75 bere yesterday to set up an easy win.
against a Victorian Country XI.

The West Indians scored 279 for nine in their 50 overs and restricted the Country XI to 215 for four, to win by 64 runs.

Baptiste hit five sixes and four fours off only 48 balls in his 62-minute stay at the crease. One of his sixes soured out of the ground, bounced in the road and landed in the front yard of a nearby house. Richards, the West Indians' acting captuin, badly our of form in the Test series, hit a swift 28 with two fours and two sixes before he

was caught in the deep attempting another glant six.
West indies went into the match without their captain, Lloyd, the first bowler Holding and opening barsman Greenidge. Holding who strained a rib cartilage in the second

Test, is recovering slowly and may miss the final two tests
Carner and Marshall, the main strike bowlers, bowled only nine overs between them, which helped the home bussmen make a spirited if.

the home batsmen make a spirited if-ultimately unsuccessful reply. Steve Bray was the local hero with a courageous unbeaten 96, including eight fours and seven sixes. The West Indians' batting thrilled a crowd of 8,000, and their assistant team manager, Cammie Smith, a member of the 1960-61 West Indian tourists, said later the side looked forward to the country matrices.

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BOWLING: Shawcross 10-1-57-1, Turner 10-0-46-3, Denhum 9-1-52-0, McDonald 10-0-41-2. Lanyon 10-0-50-2, Rosenow 1-0-6-0.

Women's first

Adelaido (Reuter) - England women won their first one-day game in Australia here yesterday, beating South Australia by seven runs in a thrilling finish. England scored 130 all out in 55.4 overs and South Australia could manage only 123 for eight in their 60 overs. Chris Watmough hit 46 for England and Gill McConway took three wickets DRES: England 190 (S Watmough 46; L AH plar 4 for 7), South Australia 123 for 8.

WEIGHTLIFTING

Threat of ban to Soviet pair

Moscow (AFP) - The Soviet Alexander Kurlovich, may be thrown out of a Soviet team after being fined in Canada for possessing unauthorised anabolic steroids worth more than \$10,000 (around £8,500).

A Soviet federation spokesman said Pisarenko, the world open champion, and his fellow super heavyweight, Kurlovich, would definitely face "punishment" The federation will also consider

the future of two other Soviet weightlifters. Yuri Tokarev and Vadim Popov, who were refused entry into Finland this month when \$00 hormone pills were found

Miss Hardcastle cuts down on revelry

New town's decision day

The future of Redditch New trial assets could well be decided tomorrow. An important meeting involving new town officials and the Department of the Environment is due to take place tonight and it is likely that a decision will be made on which bid will be accepted for the assests. There are two contenders: the American Harbison Group, a property coasortium, and the Tarmac Group with the Globe and Electra Investment

rusts. Redditch decided to sell its town centre separately so it will not be included in the package on offer and reuted housing will be transferred to the local

Redditch town centre is being bought by the two lessees Commercial Union Assurance and the Shell Pension Fund. The price is likely to be revealed

Mr John Newman, director of Robert Fleming Properties which manages the portfolio of the Fleming Property Unit Trust, looks about to join London & Edinburgh Trust, the property development and investment company run by Mr Peter and Mr John Beckwith.

Mr Newman's appointment would give LET valuable experience on the property investment side.

■ London & Metropolitan Estates has been given planning consent for an American-style food court in its Princess Square shopping centre at Bracknell, Berkshire. The court, to be called The Terrace, will be developed by London & Metropolitan and the Abbey Property Fund on the first floor of the

The letting agents are Bernard Thorpe & Partners, Healey & Baker and Clive Lewis & Partners.

Judith Huntley

Long days for an overnight success

Becoming Britain's most successful swimmer in the Olympic Games in Los Angeles has transformed the life of Sarah Hardcastle, the 15-year-old Southend schoolgirl. Since she won silver and bronze medals in the 400 and 800 metres freestyle events, she has been bombarded with invitations to open new swimming pools and attend sporting functions. Becoming an overnight success has brought big problems, and both her-

swimming coach and her headmaster have appealed to Sarah to cut back drastically on her social engagements. Mike Higgs, her coach, was concerned that she would not be at her peak for the Europa Cup in Norway last weekend, while her headmaster thinks too many late nights will affect her performance in the classroom she is in the middle of taking mock 'O' level exams.
"Sarah deserves to revel in her success"

said Higgs, "but I think it's time to cut down and I've asked her to reduce her social commitments to weekends only. Sarah's father, Jeff Hardcastle, has had to take on the duties of his daughter's driver and social secretary - and he admits

to "overbooking". Recently he drove Sarah to Blackpool for training with the English team; on to Nuneaton, where she was competing for Essex in the Inter-Counties championships and finally to Barnet, where Sarah was guest of honour at the local swimming club - a 700-mile round trip in one day.

Sarah's daily schedule would win the gold dedication - up at firve every morning, at the pool in Southend by six, to swim non-stop for two hours. She completes 250 lenghts - almost six miles. Then off to school at Shoeburyness Comprehensive for 8.45 a.m. By four o'clock she is back in the pool for another two hours, under the critical eye of Mike Higgs. One of Britain's top coaches, Higgs trained Jackie Wilmott to international success, before he guided Sarah. He is a hard taskmaster but knows if she is to become the best in the world she must

keep working.
"Sarah swam brilliantly in Los Angeles - above all our expectations," Higgs said, "but it has been something of an anticlimax since the Olympics. All athletes



Sarah Hardcastle: Olympic medals and O-levels mean a busy diary

have a down after a supreme test like

Sarah has also suffered injury problem since returning from the United States. She has had a knee operation and an ear infection. "She's had to miss a lot of training and is only now getting back into the strict routine of 12 miles swimming a day" Higgs said. "It's damned hard work and with all the extra outside pressures, plus her 'O' levels, sometimes it's difficult

Sarah is enjoying the new glamorous side to her life - but she can see the drawbacks. I love receiving the invitations and seeing my picture in the papers but I must admit I'm getting very tired. The mornings are impossible and mum and dad do have trouble in getting me out of bed! But we've agreed to cut down and I'm in bed by 8.30 p.m. in the

Sarah admits, too, that her involvement in swimming has had an adverse effect on

her school work. "I've lost so much time that I'm not very hopeful of passing many 'O' levels," she said. "But one advantage of all the boring training is that it gives me the chance to learn my vocabulary in my and that could be useful later, as an annualist when she gives up swimming. Her immediate objectives are the

European championships next year and the World championships in 1986.

So, just how far can Sarah go? "Oh. right to the top," Mike Higgs said without hesitation. "She definitely wasn't at her peak; the Europe Cup and yet still managed to win silver medals in the 400 and 800 metres freestyle. There's no doubt she has the ability and dedication to be a world champion.

If and when that day comes, Sarah can the kiss goodbye to early nights.

Michael Field

Drayton Consolidated Trust plc

Chairman David Stevens reports: I am confident that the United Kingdom unlisted portfolio will again produce a good performance, with at least two of the larger holdings anticipated to obtain listings by the end of 1985. Over the coming year I believe that the net asset value will rise again. Subject to unforeseen circumstances, the dividend should show an increase greater than the rate of inflation over the current year.

 Total assets at 30 September, 1984: £129.8m. (1983: £117.5m).

• Net asset value per Ordinary Share rose from 331%p. to 369%p. An increase of 11.5

 Dividend for the year rose from 8.5p. to 8.9p. An increase of 4.7 per cent.

INVESTMENT POLICY At 30 September, 1984 Drayton Con-solidated's portfolio was 26.4 per cent invested in unlisted simutions in North America and the U.K. It is intended that this proportion will be gradually increased as and when suitable opportunities occur. Listed equities are concentrated on special situations in the U.K. and a number of smaller, growth companies in North America. Currently 40.5 per cent of the portfolio is invested oversess and it is intended that this pro-portion will be maintained. As the unlisted and smaller, growth investments develop, there should be a continuing increase in revenue and hence in divi-dends paid by the Trust.

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UNITED NATIONS BLACKLIST

Rebuke for England

over S African tour

season, although 66 cricketers are reported to have been there. The

The list of golfers, including Gordon Brand Jr, David Feherty, Warren Humphreys, Mark James and Nick Job, stretches to 34, while

and vice so, stretches to 34, while the organizers of Henley Regatta are picked out in the report for having allowed two South African crews to compete in the regatta

The "blacklist" is largely ineffect

tive unless a country operating a strict anti-apartheid policy refuses to allow a British sportsman to

"There was widespread opposition to the tour, despite all appeals the team, although badly depleted in strength by withdrawals, including that of the team captain. Peter Wheeler, toured South Africa in May and June

Council for England also failed in its constitutional obligation under the code of conduct of the Common-

wealth Games Federation by not taking effective measures in trying

OLYMPIC GAMES

LA profit

is still

growing

From Ivor Davis

Los Angeles

The Los Angeles Olympic profit is now closer to \$200 million, according to a new audit, which was

made public yesterday. In Sep-tember the Los Angeles Olympic

the surplus was \$150 million, 10

times more than expected. That figure is expected to be low, according to Olympic officials, who say that the surplus is likely to top

The announcement of the new surplus amount is likely to renew the debate over what should be done with the enormous profits. Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee, has asked that the Los Angeles Committee reimburse the

Angeles Committee paid to accommodate their teams at the Olympic villages.

The LAOOC president, Peter Ueberroth has endorsed the reim-bursement but there is expected to

Local bus companies have also

asked for a share of some of the profits to help pay for their Olympic deficit and some Olympic employees and volunteers have claimed they

were short-changed with Olympic bonuses in the light of the large amounts paid to Mr Ueberroth (who received \$475,000 as a bonus)

be opposition to the move

Organizing Committee anne

to prevent the tour."

others are not listed.

MNERS

as Bank. Le Mans classic could be at end of the road

may have been staged for the last time. The organizers said yesterday that the race was facing serious financial problems because of lower attendances and heavy taxes, and, according to Jean-Marc Desnus, a race official, next year's race, scheduled for June 16-17, was

in serious jeopardy.

The organizers had asked for financial backing from the local authorities, he said, because local companies, who pay taxes to the authorities, made about £40m each year from the event. "If we do not get a positive response by December 31, the

53rd edition of the race will not be held". Desnus said. Attendances have dropped from a record 160,000 in 1967 to 70,000 last year.

Mans 24-hour endurance race taxes. A government levy on each ticket, for example, had increased six-fold in the last 20

> But he said the organizers could not pay the £850,000 needed for maintenance and modernization of the circuit in order to keep up with safety

The regional council said it had agreed to take over the maintenance costs, but the Le Mans city council, blaming the ACO for poor managing, said they wanted to control the organization of the race.

Desnus said ACO was ready to give the circuit's facilities to the local authorities, but would never relinquish their authority over the race. With the Monaco Grand Prix and the Monte 70,000 last year.

Carlo Relly still under a cloud.

Desnus said the Automobile the loss of the Le Mans race would be a considerable blow to organizers, were breaking even the world of motor sport.

MOTOR RACING

Ruling lifts Tyrrell team

Ken Tyrrell was yesterday saved, and sponsorship pros-celebrating the Paris court peers are likely to improve. ruling which lifted the World Tyrrell said it was fortunate championship ban on his formula one team. Tyrrell told a press conference in London: "I feel a little cleaner

A French civil court on Tuesday lifted the ban pending the outcome of a court case, expected to last several months, between Tyrrell and the International Motor Sport Feder-

The ruling means that the Tyrrell team regain their 13

Tyrrell said it was fortunate tha the dispute had not affected the world championship. "All season, the sport remains relatively free of problems. We are now part of the way to sorting it out".

Tyrell said he did not know when the case would come to court, but he hopd things might be sorted out first. And he said championship points rom last all this law, it's not the way to season, a £293,000 grant is go motor racing it it"?

Surveys sought in fight to save fish

By Conrad Voss Bark

The decline of wild fish stocks in Yorkshire and Lancashire rivers may well be due to a killer chemical may went be the transfer chemical used by dairy farmers to sterilize their equipment. This has come to light in a survey carried out by Lancaster University for the Lune and Wyre Fishery Association.

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icthal levels of chlorine in the June, most of it from dairy farms which use sodium hypochlorite, and on one dairy farm levels of one and two parts in a million were recorded in a

beck used as a drain.

The report says that this is well above lethal levels for fish. There are 180 registered dairy forms in the Lune valley and if only 10 per cent of the chemical they use every day reaches the river then it is likely that during times when the river is low the levels of chlorine may well be sufficiently high to damage mature lish, kill fish fry, and discourage salmon migrating up the river. for Solviet par

The fishery association is sending the report to government ministers and others, urging immediate action



and others, urging burnediate action to reduce or neutralize the amount of sodium hypochlorite in use and they will also be asking other fishing clubs to sponsor scientific surveys in

others parts of the country.

Pollution by other chemicals –
fertilizers, weed killers, and aerial caused the death of an untild impoter of fish by and even mature fish in recent years.

No one has been able to establish hew many fish have died, but it could run into many millions. Some of the chemical pollutants – nitrates from farm fertilizers, for example – are also harmful to humans and are particularly poisonous to young children, but the British government is still refusing to accept and EEC directive to reduce the level of nitrates in drinking water.

Bigger prizes for Scots

Scotland's professional golfers will be playing for record prize money of some £300,000 in 1985 crease of £60,000 The expansion of the "Tartan Tour" was outlined yesterday by Sandy Jones, the Scottish PGA secretary, who also revealed that the future of the National champion-

record of £32,000 at Dalmahoy, from August 22 to 25.

Sam Torrance, the former Scottish champion, who finished second in this year's European Order of Merit, has already

Drybroughs the brewers have agreed to spoosor the Scottish PGA event for another year and will increase the prize fund to a new flowers.

As well as that main event of the

indicated that he will play in his domestic championship instead of the German Open that week.

FOR THE RECORD

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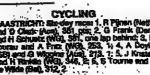
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Fagan's dilemma as Dalglish

UEFA deny soft line on Celtic

By Clive White

UEFA strongly denied yesterday that a decision had already been taken not to suspend Celtic from European competition following acts of crowd violence during their Cup Winners' Cup tie against Rapid Vienna at Old Trafford last week.

In response to a story in one English newspaper that Celtic would be ordered only to play their European ties for the next two years 150 miles away from Parkhead, a UEFA official said: "That's rubbish, DEFA official said: "I hat's rubolsa, pure speculation. Nothing will be decided until the disciplinary meeting on January 17."
All Desmond White, the Celtic chairman, would say was: "We do not talk about fairy tales." Should this one come true Celtic would be exertify since they are only too.

ecstatic, since they are only too aware of UEFA's dwindling patience with British hooliganism. However, there is a precedent of a

sort for the assault by two spectators on Herbert Feurer, the Rapid goalkeeper, and Peter Pacult, the Rapid goalkeeper, and Peter Pacult, the Rapid goalscorer, Following an attack by Real Madrid supporters on the referee and Gerd Muller, of Bayern Munich, in a European Cup tie in 1976 Real were ordered to play their next tap matches. play their next two matches away from home. But of course the Celtic disgrace was compounded by the fact that it occurred during a tie aiready being replayed because of earlier crowd misbehaviour at

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CAPITAL LEAGUE: Glängham 4, Onent 3. EAST ANGLIAN CUP: Third round Saffron Walden 4. Heriford 0. MIDWEEK LEAGUE: Brentford 5. Southend 1. ESSEX SENIOR TROPHY: Woodford O.

and Lawrenson report fit his knee, which was operated on for the third time earlier this year.

Nattrass joined Newcastle at the age of 17 in 1970 and was transferred to Middlesbrough for £475,000 in 1979. He has made over 500 League and Cup appearances for the two north-east clubs.

David Pleat, the Luton Town manager. Is considering signing the constant of the fourth division, are hoping to cash in on the visit of first division Arsenal in the third round of the FA Cup next month by increasing admission price from £3 to £3 and grandstand seats from £3 to £3. They are expecting a capacity crowd of 17,000, and have erected a lemporary grandstand to be necessary. Mark Lawrenson and Kenny Dalglish may return to the Liverpool team for tomorrow's televised game at Queen's Park Rangers, Lawrenson has missed two games with a hamstring injury and FDalglish was a late withdrawal from Saturday's team at Aston villa because be was suffering with a back problem. Both are now fit.

manager, is considering signing Nelson Agresta, a 29-year-old Uruguayan international, if the Home Office grants a work permit. Agresta, a midfield player and a free agent after completing a contract with Sud America, of Argentina, has been training at Kenilworth Road. If Joe Fagan, the Loverpool manager, decides to retain Walsh up from and use Dalglish in midfield, either Wark or Johnston could be left out. Also in the reckoning for the first time since his move from Liecester City is Kevin MacDonald,

Raners face the prospect of losing two of their key players, Fenwick, their captain, and Stainrod, a forward, over the holiday period because of suspension. Stainrod; because of suspension. Stainrod, sent off after a first-balf flare-up sent off after a hist-hair flare-up with the Everton desender, Van den Hauwe at Lossus Road II days ago missed two matches, although he will be able to play against Liverpool tomorrow. The ban comes into effect on Saturday. Fenwick, who is thought to be part at the comes to the comes into effect on Saturday. 21 points, will also miss two games

who has completed a three-month

problem. Both are now fit.

If that is the case. The Arsenal captain, David
 Cleary, could be back for the home game against Watford on Saturday after missing two of their last three games with a thigh strain. The Republic of Ireland centre-half has resumed full training and the Arsenal manager. Don Howe, said he has "a very good chance" of being fit for Saturday.

 Irving Nattrass, the Middlesbrough and former Newcastle United defender, is to retire from League football at the end of the season. The former England Under-23 international player does not want to risk long-term damage to



Lawrenson: ready for action after injury.

Foster hero and villain

Steve Foster was hero and villain as Luton Town found no end to heir relegation worries with a 2-1 defeat by West Browwich Albion before a eages 7.286 crowd - the lowest for First Division game at Kenilworth

Foster, the former England defender, signed from Aston Villa for £70,000 last month, gave Luton a fourteenth-minute lead with his first goal for the club. Garry Thompson equalized with his sixteenth goal of the season, and then Foster barged Nicky Cross in the penalty area, and Derek Statham scored the winner from the penalty

Milwall lost their chance to go second in the third division after being held to a 2-2 draw by "Hull City". John Fashanu, Millwall's £55,000 signing from Lincoln,

minute goal, but Hull, despite losing injured goalkeeper Tony Norman for a 12-minute spell in the first half, hit back to become only the second team to earn a point at the Den this

 Robert Kelly, Lelcester City's Republic of Ireland youth inter-national, has joined fourth division Tranmere Rovers on a month's loan

Irish Cup draw

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Greek hopes fading fast

temporary grandstand to help cope.

Derrick Parker, Oldham Athletic's transfer listed forward, signed

for Doncaster Rovers on a month's loan yesterday. The third division

club have agreed to pay Oldham £20,000 if Parker's loan spell is

Greece 0 Belgiam 0
Greece's hopes of reaching the
World Cup finals sagged further
when they could only draw with
Belgium in a European group one Beigium in a European group one qualifying game in Athens yesterday. Greece have only one point from two games. Belgium have three points from two games and will move to the top of the group if they can get at least a draw in Albana on Saturday.

The Greek trainer, Miltos Papaioannou had billed the game as rapatoannou had office the game as their key to the finals but the scoring opportunities were tare. Belgium almost scored in the sixty-sixth minute when Keulemans found the goalkeeper blocked the shot. A minute later Mitropoulos' hit the bar with a header from two yards

Peter Ball sees the boat come in for Darlington and Hartlepool

Revival spreads in the north-east

A thesis published a decade ago expounded the theory of the two nations of football. Pointing to the contrasting fortunes being experienced by the old Lancashire conton towns and their football clubs - once powers in the land - and the more southerly towns, such as Ispwich and Southampton, it posited that power is football inexplicably bound up with employment and economic up with employment and economic wealth, and that as the south was getting richer and the north getting poorer, football fortunes would follow a smiliar pattern.

However, the signs of life

currently being shown in the north east, one of the country's most depressed areas, does little to support this interesting theory.

Four of the region's five Canon League clubs are showing evidence of rude health. In the first division, Sunderland have now reached the quarter-finals of the Milk Cup, while Newcastle United's return, without their messiah, Kevin Keegan, is far from being the disaster some feared; their exciting forwards, Beardsley and Waddle, are causing defences in the first division as many problems as they caused those in the second.

If Middlesbrough are the excep-tion, with the third division beckoning at Ayrsume Park, two small clubs, Darlington and Harle-pool United, are on the up and up after years of depression which pessimists claimed was irreversible. Darlington's young 13-man squad

reached the top of the fourth division last week, to continue the form wide earned their sharp, francy manager, Cyril Knowles, the former Tottenham and England full back, the November fourth division manager of the mosth award. An even bigger accolade, perhaps, was the presence of 15 other managers watching a recent Darlington game. "We played well last year without much luck," Knowles recalled. "This year we have not played as



well, but we've had a lot of breaks. But you need that. Anyway, it's got us up there and I think we are better "The players have matured from

players. We have got a lot of young players. I've got young lads in who will work and graft. I want to build a good side, but nowadays most managers would admit that you relay on commitment and attitude to make the difference, and our players have been tremendous. "People are so keen not to miss

out that they are playing with dislocated shoulders, and every-thing's going famustically well at the moment. In fact, I'm wendering when we'll get a bad spell." Hartlengol's success has been more muted. Perhaps they have not the breaks. Missed penalties in the

cost them valuable points in the bid to keep hard on Darlington's heels, following a good start to the season.

Even so, their current mid-table
recition is more than respectable for position is more than respectable for a club which only narrowly succeeded in being re-elected for a record fourteenth time last summer. As interesting as success on the field has been the increase in attendances, suggesting that the traditional north-eastern love affair with football has been lying dormant rather than lying dead, and has now here reswakened.

In November, more than 28,000 turned up at St James' Park on such a filthy day that only the hardiest or Geordie-football fans would have or Geordie-loothalt tans woman have ventured out at all, let alone to watch a match being shown live on television, it was a staggering and very encouraging testimony to football's continuing hold on that area of the country.

But Newcastle v Liverpool has an aura about it. More significant was the gam at Hartlepool the previous day, where more than 7,000 turned for a first round FA Cup tie. Even allowing for the special circum-stances, with neither of the region's first division teams at home that day, and Derby, the visitors, rather better supported than most third division clubs, the figure was impressive. In fact, the secon tie against York City, attracted over 8,000 to the Victoria Ground, possibly the bleakest venue in the

People said we shouldn't have been re-elected," Billy Horner, the Hardepool manager, saki, "but there is nobody who would command the gates at this level which we'd get if things are done right. We are averaging 4,000 now, which Maidstone wouldn't get if they were top. If we went to the top of the division we would get 10,000 here for certain. "They still love their football

around here but a lot go to Newcastle because they have been sickened so many times by the failures. But the supporters here are like Sunderland's: give them something to support and they will

Darlington's potential is smaller. but their greater success on the field has brought good crowds to the pretty Feethams ground, the early season average of 1,000 to 1,200 increasing threefold. The place is buzzing at the moment", Knowles

said. We've put in an answerphone with a recorded message about the next game and it never stops. It's taking about a thousand calls a week - a pity we didn't negotiate a cut of its earnings with British Telecom." Even Knowles, an advocate of

Sunday football, was surprised by the size of the gate for the clab's first Sanday match against Swindow Town at the beginning of December, more than 6,000. "I never thought I'd see the day when we got 2,000 more than Middlesbrough on the same weekend. It convinces me that we must play on Sunday. It isn't relevant for big clubs, perhaps, but it seems the logical thing for small ones. There's nothing else to do on a Sunday around here, apart from going to the pub at lunchtimes."

Knowles is the first to admit the connection between the club's success and the increase in crowds, and with his small squad and inexperienced team he is keeping his fingers crossed that there will be few injuries and that the easet of heavy grounds will not break the team's Another result of success is that

Another result of success is that sponsors are showing an interest in Darlington and Hartlepool. "If we could just get promotion," Knowles said, his voiced trailing off. If Darlington and Hartlepool can pull back the crowds, football's future may not be as bleak as some feared.

IN BRIEF

Decision on kick-off is in Hull's favour

The consultative committee of the Rugby League Council yesterday decided in favour of Hull when they decided in favour of Hull when they were asked to adjudicate on the timing of the kick-off for a Boxing Day faxture at Featherstone (Keith Macklin writes). The home side, Featherstone Rovers, requested permission for a morning kick-off at 11,30, but the committee ruled against the request since Hull wanted to adhere to the original kick-off time of 3,30. For a kick-off time to be changed both teams have time to be changed both teams have

to allow a British sportsman to compete in that country.

In an introduction to yesterday's list, the report says: "The most serious violation of the United Nations resolutions against apartheid in sport was committed by the English Rugby Union when it decided, by 44 votes to six, to send its national team to South Africa.

"There was widespread oppoto agree. RUGBY UNION: Steve Smith, the former England captain, replaces the injured Nigel Melville at scrum half for the Northern Division's nair for the Northern Division's match against Romania at Birkenhead Park on December 29. Melville has his right leg in a metal brace to protect the ligaments and will probably miss England's game against the tourists at Twickenham to language.

on January 5.

ROWING: Chris Baillieu, one of Britain's most outspoken oarsmen in an international career lasting more than a decade, has been given more than a decade, has been given the chance to play a direct part in rowing administration with his election as a Henley Royal Regatta steward, Baillieu regards his election as a great honour, "I have always felt that Henley has a unique part to play in Britain's sporting heritage. It is the only event of its type and it is worth preservine."

worth preserving."

ATHLETICS: A total of 59 countries, including the Soviet Union and the United States, have so far confirmed their presence at the first world indoor champion-ships at the Bercy Sports Arena in Paris on January 18 and 19. The Americans and Soviets, with 30 and 21 competitors, will have the biggest teams with the latter, absent from Los Angeles, intending to send some

of their top competitors. TENNIS: Kelvin Belcher, a "lucky loser" in the South Australian open tournament in Melbourne, will play his qualifying round conqueror. Huub van Boeckel, of The Netherlands, in the second round following his victors austrafay out following his victory yesterday over Britain's Colin Dowdeswell, Belcher beat Dowdeswell 7-5, 6-3 having been readmitted to the tournamer when a knee injury forced out his American compatriot Bill Scanlon.

Sally Reeves played her way through both quarter-finals and semi-linals of the Sunsilk Christmas

tournament at the David Lloyd Centre. After defeating Sally Timms, of Essex, 6-4, 7-5, the Kent player proved too sharp for the No 1 seed, Rina Einy of Middlesex, winning 7-5, 6-2.

SKIING: Heavy snowialls in Sante Catarina yesterday forced organizers of the World Cup to cancel a training run for competitors in a women's downhill race scheduled for tomorrow. Organizers said about 40 centimetres of snow had fallen since 7pm on Tuesday in Santa Catarina, near Italy's border with Switzerland and Austria, Two men's downhill races in nearby Bormoi, scheduled for tomorrow and Saturday, have already been cancelled because of lack of snow.

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RUGBY UNION

dealing with the scrum, rucks rugby". and mauls with the result that second phase possession, an alter fundamentally laws 19(3) obsession of the modern British and 20, the former covering coach, will be virtually eliminated in its present form.

The moves are principally designed to make the game safer and more attractive by keeping players on their feet and avoiding the notorious pile-ups and collapsed scrums. They stem from the two-year labours of an injuries working party and game alive. will be put before the International Board, rugby's ruling body, at their meeting in Paris, which begins on March 18. The working party itself is indirectly the brainchild not of administrators or players but of parents who have been worried over the

increase in injuries. John Kendall-Carpenter, a member of the International Board, a former England inter-Wellington School, Somerset,

O The Rugby Football Union propose to make the following

"Law 19(3); Lying with, on or near the ball (1B 147) "A player or players from either team must not wilfully fall on or over a player who is lying on the ground with the ball in his possession, or on players lying on the ground with ball

Penalty: Penalty kick at the place of infringement Additional Notes to help to

interpret Law 19
(a) NO advantage shall be played under this law.

(b) A player is assumed to have failed wilfully unless the referee is absolutely certain the fall was accidental.

(b) In the very rare instances when the fall is accidental, play must be stopped and a scrummage awarded, the object of this change in interpretation in Law 19 is to keep players on their feet and to prevent them from falling to the ground; thus removing a dangerous area of play. This will create proper rucks and mauls defined as "... players

England are proposing to said: "Boxing has been banished make radical changes in laws from schools because it was which could transform the considered too dangerous and game. The Rugby Football we have to be careful that the Union want to rewrite the laws same thing doesn't happen to

> The recommendations will "lying with, on or near the ball" and the latter dealing with the scrum. A protracted maul or ruck, where a referee waits for the ball to emerge, would be abolished. Any player wilfully on the ground will be penalized and the idea is to keep both sets of forwards on their feet and the

As to the scrum, the shoulders of all players must not be lower than his hip, the object being to eliminate collapsed scrums which can be the source of neck and spinal injuries. The working party found that of 63 players admitted to Stoke Mandeville Hospital with broken necks between 1952 and 1982, 37 were forwards, 20 of them front row forwards. Of the 63. 16 were schoolboy players.
The rule changes have been

from each team on their feet (Law 21, ruck; Law 22, maul). Should the correctly formed ruck or maul then collapse, the referee must immediately act to prevent a pile-up from

Reason: Because of the unsatisfactory nature of the pile-ups which continue to take place in the game and for safety.

Law 20 Scrummage (1B 149) Reference point (5) delete and replace with:

"While a scrummage is forming and is taking place. (a) All players in each front row

must adopt a normal stance. Both feet must be on the ground, must not be crossed and must be in a position for an effective forward shove. (b) The shoulders of all players

in the scrommage must not be lower than his hip joint. (c) The players of each front row shall bind firmly and continuously."

change has proved extremely successful over the last 12 months with the U-19 age operated by England at under-19 level for the past two seasons, although not by the

other home countries. The schoolboy "guineapies" have responded well, Kendall-Carpenter said, "One school reported a 50 per cent reduction in injuries and the pattern of

play has improved."

Similar innovations have been employed by schools in Australia and New Zealand for the last six years and the RFI feel their potential revolution at club and international level is timely in the wake of the Australian party which has just left British rugby asking itself many questions.

"Second phase ball is killing our game," Kendall-Carpenter said. "which is why we are trying to kill it. There is no such thing in Australian rugby and that explains why their game is so much cleaner, faster and entertaining. By heaving around in a heap we stop the game instead of starting it. Our appeal is diminishing, which is why we want literally to get our game back on its feet."

Kendall-Carpenter, who won 23 caps between 1949 and 1954. recalled a visit to the England dressing room after a match against Argentina in 1981. "Nobody could speak", he said. "Bill Beaumont had a bruise a foot square on his back and what they had been involved in was physical combat. We have got to get away from this."

The RFU, who have spent between £25,000 and £30,000 on their campaign, believe, with the support of the southern hemisphere, they will get their proposals passed by the IB.

Meanwhile they are establishing a national register of injuries, co-ordinated by computer, beginning with a pilot scheme involving 60 clubs and schools. With the help of the BBC, they will also study video tapes of matches at Twickenham to monitor how injuries are caused. lan Beer, chairman of the

working party, said: "There are half a million people playing rugby in England every week-end. We believe in the game and we don't think it's too dangerous, but the approach to it has become more competitive

England's farmer-flanker is out of a rut

Winterbottom ploughing his way back

East in the Yorkshire Dales, you may catch a glimpse of a fair-haired, chunky figure, driving a tractor, humping sacks of cattle feed, or tending to the sheep on his uncle's farm, where he works.

Sadly, he may be limping a little, as the pelvic injury which has prevented him playing senior rugby since September 29, is still troubling Peter Winterbottom, the Headingley, Yorkshire, England and British Lions flanker who is one of the most excision teleption to the terms. the most exciting talents in the game.

At 24, Winterbottom can expect years of top-class rugby, so his injury has been frustrating to him as it has been to the England selectors, who only consolation is that he occupies a positionn which his country is well served in depth. But on Saturday there were signs that Winterbottom could return sooner than expected as he successfully completed a run out at centre with Headingley's fifth team; and this Saturday he will continue his comeback in the back row for Headingley Wanderers.
His rise has been meteoric. At one moment, it

scened, he was struggling to establish himself in a fine Yorkshire side (like England, suspect in the front five of the pack but powerful in the back row) and the next he had made the full England team and had earned selection for the Lions 1983 tour of New Zealand, where his growing reputation for tireless speed, courage and a formidable work rate was enhanced.

Immediately after the disastrous England tour of South Africa, two reasonably undemanding club matches were survived, he admits with some discomfort, but shortly afterwards the Glengarth Sevens left Winterbottom in considerable pain and scarcely able to walk.

Diagnosis was varied, ranging from an acute groin strain to a twisted pelvis, but X-ray examinations suggested that no bones were out of place; one medical view, odd in the context of one so young, was that he was merely suffering

Then his prospects of a quick return to the game changed quite dramatically when Richard

RACKETS

Harford and

Bailey come

back in style

By William Stephens

Simon Harford (Winchester)

defeated Simon Davies (Tonbridge) by 12-15, 15-16, 15-12, 16-13, 15-6 in the H. K. Foster Cup at

Oneen's Club yesterday. After losing the first game, Harford had game point at 15-15 in the second only to lose that too. Then he showed his

stic shots with unforced errors

Peter Baily (Eton) overcame a gainst the Marthu-gainst the Marthu-L Jonathan Heald to win 12-15.

3 15-7, 15-8. Heald, slightly with a double handed back led 13-6 in the first game, his

pace upsetting Bailey. One pace upsetting Bailey. One pheald led 13-12 in the hour lost it. Bailey applied finding precision of placing

the last two games from

5 respectively.

Davics interspersed



Winterbottom: taking steps forward

Greenwood, the England coach, advised him to visit Terry Moule, an osteopath who had successfully treated his national team colleagues Peter Wheeler and Phil Blakeway. "He said that something was a bit out of place, as one of my legs was longer than the other. He identified that the problem stemmed not from the groin itself but from a misalignment of the hip bones," says

Michael Stevenson

HANDBALL

Danes making an impact

By Paul Harrison

The Danish connection in British at the halfway stage, culminating in handball is strong. The Danes, one of Europe's stronger nations, keep a Carlsberg MK 80, from Milton benevolent eye on the development of the sport in Britain, one of Europe's weaker brethren.

The Danish connection in British at the halfway stage, culminating in a 22-17 victory last weekend over the control of the strong MK 80, from Milton Keynes. Danes, however, have yet to play Brentwood 72, the former English champions who have also of Europe's stronger nations, keep a benevolent eye on the development of the sport in Britain, one of Europe's weaker brethren.
Technical and coaching help comes from across the North Sca.

and the Danish brewery sponsors one leading English team. Danish players strengthen British squads, while Great Danes, of the British League southern division, grew out of an Anglo-Danish social club in London, where students and au

pairs gathered.
Great Danes, with names such as
Lars-Bo Lauritzen and Soren
Neilson appearing regularly on their score sheet, have prove the surprise of the season so far. They lead their division with a 100 per cent record

been recording good results. The strongest team in Britain over the past few years has been Liverpool, the league and cup holders. Predictably, they lead the northern division, having dropped only one point in Scriband at FK. only one point, in Scotland at EK

In the women's English National League, Wakefield Metros appear to have their title sewn up again already. Robert Jenkins, from Ruislip, their biggest rivals in recent years, have been having a dis-appointing season.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

BASKETBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE: First divisions Solent v Westington and Liverpool (7.30). Warrington and TISH CUP: Elimin ANGLO SCOTTISH CUP: Elimin Sunderland v Glasgow (8.0). OTHER SPORT

RACING: DISAPPOINTING ENTRY FOR KEMPTON'S FEATURE RACE ON BOXING DAY Misfortune

Rigton Beau ready for a repeat

Twelve months ago visitors to Hereford watched Rigton Beau and Pucka Fella win the Coriander Handicap Hurdle and the Comfrey Handicap Chase, respectively. Today the same two will be back there attempting to give a repeat performance, and I think that both have a good chance of

Rigton Bean, who won his race last year by 20 lengths, is

Three declare for King George

Boxing Day's King George VI Chase at Kempton Park has cat up to three declarations at the four-day stage, and with Combs Ditch a doubtful runner, the stage looks set for a match between Burrough Hill Lad and Wayward Lad. It will be the smallest King George field since Frenchman's Cove beat Jay Trump in a marth 2ft vears ago.

The current score in the battle of the "lads" is 2-0 in favour of Mrs Jenny Pitman's Gold Cup winner. Wayward Lad was pulled up behind Burrough Hill Lad at Cheltenham last March, while in a recent clash at Wetherby, Mrs Pliman's gelding came home 10 lengths to the good.

napped to triumph again even though he now has 41b more to carry against arguably tougher opposition. Rigton Beau needed two races last season before be struck winning form and that looks likes being the pattern again. In going nap on him in possibly the hardest race of the day I am greatly encouraged by the way that his trainer Gay Kindersley's horses have been Spaced Out, who has such a

good record at Hereford: Rebeg, from Tim Forster's in-form stable, Miss Willie, a full sister to that Cheltenham specialist Willy Wumpkins: Rueful Lady and Keven Evans, who was there with a chance of winning at Leicester until he tripped up three hurdles out, are formidable opponents. But following that heartening run behind Pelion at Huntingdon last week

Voice Of Progress, who after three placed efforts against strong opposition this season, is

set an easier task in today's Cloves Chase at Hereford.

Anthony Webber, who rides my nap, also has a good chance winning the Cloves Chase on of winning the Cloves Chase on Ardent Spy, who won his first race of the season at Warwick so nicely. But here I just prefer Voice Of Progress, who has been running well in better company at Newbury, Cheltenham and Haydock.

The Comfrey Handican

The Comfrey Handicap Chase will be the third time that Pocks Fells and Ballydonagh have met this season. So far Pucka Fella has done the better each time, on the last occasion by as much as 10 lengths. Now, on only 3lb worse terms, I Rigion Beau can prove equal to expect him to come out on top

HEREFORD

12.30 COWSLIP SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£499: 2m) (8 runners)

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LOOKING FOR GOLD (B Cardon) P Printand 8-11-2
THOMAS A SECURT (J Cridde) J Cridde 5-11-1
MASTER BOOM (C) (D March) D Tucker 8-11-1
MASTER BOOM (E) (D March) D Tucker 8-11-1
SAX (R) (CD) (K McGroney) K Bridgerstor 4-10-7
1862: Mr Hynd 6-10-3 K McGray (B-1) J Wright 14 ren.

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Hereford selections By Mandarin 12.30 Master Boon, 1.0 Voice of Progress, 1.30 RIGTON BEAU (nap), 2.0 Pucka Fella, 2.30 Just Joking, 3.0 Flaming Pearl.

By Michael Seely

1983: Lord Leighton 7-11-5 C Brown (5-1) L Kennerd 9 ran.

PORMI: ARDENT 3PY (11-10) ridden to load near Erich when 11. Warwick scorer over Nickle Morport (10-1) (MH CH, 2140), soft, Nor 28. 8 zml, MCMCALL, pulled up only simil 1982,5%, which who she previous assumption, isolations (11-10) by a head force Pitzle (11-17) at Wolvertemption (2M 4F CH, 21330, good to soft, 7 ran). VOICE OF PROGRESS (11-7) 4L 2nd of 4 to Broken Speech (10-8) at Maydock (2M 4F, 24/52, good to soft, Nov 21). Selection: ARDENT 3PY

1963: Fagton Bees: 6-11-6 A Webber (3-1) & Kindersky 17 ran.

5 Rebeg, 6 Somay, Kevin Evans, 15-2 Sileve Luachta, Hustul Lady, 10 Spaced Out. Rigton skit, Shirley Grove, 12 Pharach's Own, 16 Mendaleck, 20 others.

FORMS SPACES OUT (11-3) No Headway from 2 out when 111 5th of 18 to Right Regent (13-4) at Cheltenham 2m hole 52015, good to soft, Dec 7), EMRLEY CROME (10-1) had every practice 2 co. before weekening quickly into 7th white exists with EMES (10-1) move trushed for leading in bring his 16th, RIGHTON BEAU (11-6) 11 3rd of 13 to Pelion (10-12) at Huntingdon (2m hole, 215X), good.

Dec 12). REBBEG (10-12) 1 William of 21 to Secret Fath (10-5) as Warrelds (2m 61 india, 21447, soft, Nov 25), BEAU WYNE (10-1) was 10m. PHARACH'S UNIN (10-13) at Ascot, finished 1983/64 with 23 toxico victory over Alwins Boy here 5m 1t hole. 2745, good to soft, Nar 31), REGESE (11-13) was pulled up before 3 cut. RUEFUL LADY (10-12) stayed on seel to be at Ascotte (10-12) 21 as

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12.45 CALDBECK NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: 2523: 2m 330yd) (10 numers)

OP CHIPCHASE (A Taylor) B Withinson 4-11-0

OH OF WISHES (WA Staphenson) WA Staphenson 3-11-0

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DEMORIC (S Merch) B Fisher 5-11-0

OF KIDHASSE (B) (A Grahem) C Parker 7-11-0

OP PRINCE REVIEWER (J Zochonish A W Jones 6-11-0

PRINCE SWEET (G Fitchards) G Richards 4-11-0

OTHER AGAIN (I whigh T Barres 4-11-0

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7-4 Demonic, 11-4 Starshot, 4 Prince Reviewer, Prince Sweet, 18 Sydetzky, 16 others.

Carlisle selections

12.45 Demonic 1.15 Rhymarc 1.45 Preben Fur 2.15 French Lord 2.45 Boardmans Coronet 3.15 The Man Himself

Michael Seely's selection: 2.45 BOARDMANS CORONET (map)

1.15 ASPATRIA SELLING HURDLE (\$459: 2m 330yd) (8)

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001 RICHARDS BAY (Frame) R Aisn 3-10-12

p6200 TELCER (R Ademson) V Triumpson 4-11-12

144003 CALAMAN (F Montaith) P Montisch 4-11-7

00 DENVEN (R Motornait) Victors 4-11-7

18 IT'S HEAVEN (G Excess) 3 M Moore 4-11-2

00 MR MISSE BOY IF Walken I Victors 3-10-7

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1852 Raby 4-11-10 P Tuck (7-2) C H Bell 8 ren.

2 Econost, 11-4 Rhymerc, 3 Richards Bay, 7 Taucar, Calaman, 18 others.

ben Fur, 3 Strawfill, 4 Twillight, 5 Succeeded, 15 Who's Free, Sittermen

45 CUMWHINTON HANDICAP CHASE (£1,592-3m) (6)

2.15 HEADS NOOK NOVICE CHASE (2892: 2m 4f) (15)

R-BUT SHINEY SON (Mrs A Brown) WA Staphenson 8-11-10 Q0000 BRICE (J Aymsley) J Aymsley 9-11-9 04-18 CHARLES DUNE (J Mocraor) G Richards 7-11-9

10-11 Voice of Progress, 18-8 Artient Spy, 12 Will Borsen, Dishcloth, 14 Ronquet.

.30 CORIANDER HANDICAP HURDLE (£919: Sm 1f) (17)

2.0 Pucka Fella. 2.30 Brother Geoffrey.

1.00 CLOVES CHASE (£1,192: 2m 4f) (5)

imagination to picture Gordon Richards enjoying a field day. The successful Penrith trainer has a fancied runner in every race at his local track

Having been beaten a neck by Strawhill at Hexham recently Preben Fur looks to have an excellent chance of getting his revenge on 8lb better terms in the Cumwhinton Handicap Chase

French Lord, who has been taking on the likes of Cybrandian and Grinders this season, meets nothing of their calibre in the Heads Nook Novices' Chase, while Boardmans Coronet

At Carlisle, you will not need will not have to be anything out to be blessed with vivid of the ordinary to win the imagination to picture Gordon second division of the Caldbeck; Novices' Hurdle.

Pattern changes

The stewards of the Jockey Clubannounced resterday that following the annual meeting of the European Pattern Committee, held in Rome last week, two major changes will be made to the 1985 Flat Pattern next year with the formation of a new group two one-mile event, the Trusthouse Forte Mile, for fourcar-olds and upwards, to be run at Sandown on April 26, while the Juddmonte Lockinge Stakes at Newbury on May 17, formerly.

preater contrast to Peter Dever's. Duggan, aged 21, came for two rides and won on them both - Sailor's Dance and Hopeful Answer.

Last respects The racing world yesterday part its last respects to the Newmarket

for Dever

as Ben Lair

survives

Peter Dever, who has been riding so well recently, had the sort of Christmas present at Worcerster reserriay that National Hunt packeys dreat. He came for one ride, Morgan's Tolid, in the Novices' Chase, fell at the eighth and finished up with a broken left wrist which is takely to keep him out of action for a

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The race went to Fulke Walwyn's 1.4.8 favourite Ben Lair, who gave weight all round and scraped home by half a length after an incident-pasked last half tatle. Ben Lair looked like surning it into a procession when he was bowling along with a clear lead for most of the way, but the favourite stimphist.

the way, but the favourite stumbled as he touched down over the fourth

from bome, losing most of his advantage. Aretic Mariner was

breathing down Ben Lair's nock when he almost went with a bad

blunder at the next, then a loose horse nearly took Ben Lair out at the last, making the favourite lose

the fast, making the favourite lose all his momentum.

Avie Hero suddenly looked set to catch the leader, only to take the last feace by the 1904s, 50 yards later, getting rid of both his bridle and rider after. Anthony Webber had made a valiant effort to stay on board.

Emply Sausa Agree stand a late.

board.

Finally. Seven Acres staged a late flourish that failed by only half a length. But Ben Lair remains unbeaten on the only two occasions he has completed the course and Fulke Walwyn said: "He jumped well in the conditions, which were matter that the flower that the formatter that the conditions which were matter that the formatter that the formatter that the conditions of the said of the conditions which were that the formatter that the conditions of t

west in the conditions, which were really bad. He had to pull up to a walk at the last. I think he is a horse with a good future.

The luck of Jimmy Duggan;

another promising and stylish young rider, could not have been in

lockey Brian Taylor, who died in Hong Kong from head injuries suffered in a fall at Sha Tin racecourse on December 8. Stew-ards and officials of the Jockey Glub, owners, trainers, jockeys, the seeing press, and many of Taylor's friends were among the mourners at All Saints Church, Newmarket, Taylor, aged 45, who rode 1.254 winners, including the Derby on Snow Knight in 1974, leaves a son

nce event here tim at note, \$1552, yort, Dec 4, 16 rant, KEVIN EVANS, belier on Laboritor operaturno last season (10-4) ves 31 Lectester winder from Imperium (11-12) (3m hole, \$981, of to soft, Jan 10, 10 rant, CETTON: Balls of Areas (1981).

| 2.00 | COMF | REY HANDICAP CHASE (£1,724: 3m 1f) (10) |
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1963: Pucka Falla 9-10-8 M O'Halforen (5-1) Mrs D Tucker 10 ren.

11-8 Purdet FeRs, 11-4 Staffydonagh, 6 Woodlends Lad, 8 Bright Beacon, 10 Mr G. tedwol, 15 others.

2.30 CARAWAY NOVICE CHASE (5-y-o: £1,254; 2m) (16) CYNICAL SAM (R Frost) R Frost 11-0
FARE LOVE (E E Evens) E E Evans 11-0
FOUNTIAN VALLEY (J Brook) Miss A King 11-0
JUST JOKING (T Nison) T Forster 11-0
MASTER CARL (P Savel) F Winner 11-0
NATIVE SON (K Picheld) J Coscrove 11-0
ONLY A POOL (T Woodward) T Keenor 11-0
PALMERSTON (E Cittine) D Bardins 11-0
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SWAGGERONG (LI M Setter) J Selsor 11-0
ROSTRA (Col A Taylor) R Armytage 10-9

1983: Native Break 6-11-0 P Soudamore (12-1) Mrs W Sykae 14 ren. 7-4 Brother Geoffrey, 5-2 Rostrs, 9-2 Just Joking, 11-2 Master Carl, 12 Sovereign Island, Quick Repty, 15 others.

MARINA STAR (10-12) practe all when beating Fluid (10-12) 1½ at Lutikov (2m ch. 2931, good, Nov 28, 9 ran), wen QUICK REPLY (11-0) 20; away 3rd, FARE LOVE (10-12) 2nd when fell 3 out, and ROSTRA (10-7) fell 1st. BROTHER GEOFFREY (11-5) 12 2nd to Tarn (11-5) at Kelso (2m ch. 2796, good to soft, Nov 14), JUST JUSTRA (10-12) 72 and of 19 to Meentin (10-7) at Taxwoon (2m 2, 251, soft, Nov 22). SOVEREIGN ISLAND (11-4) 22 3rd of 12 to Roadster (11-4) at Warwick (2m ch. 21,277, heavy, Dec 14) with LTTTLE ROCK (11-4) bed 8th. ROSTRA, best time, 4l 4th of 20 to Boddelor Bridge (10-3) at Taxwoon (2m 3* holis, 21,290, soft, Dec 6). Selections BROTHER GEOFFREY.

3.00 COLTSFOOT NOVICE HURDLE (3-y-o: 2744: 2m) (17) COLTSPOOT NOVICE HURDLE (3-y-o: 2744: 2m) (1

1232 MADER (BF) (Shelich R Al Khaffer) Mrs J Phress 11-7

ALCHOUS (F Coetss) B Presco 11-0

4 ASTON BANK (R Wright) D Tucker 11-0

9 ERRECHROY STAR (Mrs J Leighton) A Leighton 11-0

9 CRAYEN BOY (J Price) R Price 11-0

9 COANTOWN CHICAGO (A Brower Lich C Jackson 11-0

9 PLODABAY (G Thorner) G Thorner 11-0

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10 PETT PAIN (L Salver) F Writer 11-0

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12 RAUCT SOURTHEL (K Edwards) K Bishop 11-0

13 RAUCT SOURTHEL (K Edwards) K White 11-0

14 WALK IN RHYTHAN (Mrs A Price) Mrs A Price 11-0

15 PLANING PEARL (L Smith) M Pipe 10-8

16 RECORD RED (E Allacopo) J Spearing 10-9

17 REMAINDER GEHL (A Pric) R Griffiths 10-9

1983: Mosesy Bell 10-2 N Coleman (4-1) R Holder 16 ran. 5-2 Neder, 7-2 Pets Pain, 5 Flaming Peart, 13-2 Lauranbel, 8 Downtown Chicago, 18 Alcino 14 Redgrave Arast, 20 others.

NADER (11-0) & 2nd of 15 to Maistrano (11-0) at Wetherby (2n to E548, gr DOWNTOWN CHECKED (10-7) 9 4th of 5 to Relatings (10-2) at Perth (2n to E474, 12 LARRENDER (11-0) provident to 2 out when 16% 8th of 16 to Tinkersheld (11-0) at 11th (1555, 505, Dec 6), was vessioned (10-0) 8th.

COOLADRED (R. Jackson) T Berries 7-11-3

COOL TRICKSTER (J Bell) R Jeffrey 8-11-3

FRENCH LORD (BF) (Nrs L Meylam) G Richards 6-11-3

NAZY DAY (I Duncan) W A Stephenson 5-11-3

KINGLSEY HOUSE (B Danwar) G Moore 6-11-3

LIGHT DEMON (G Richards) G Richards 6-11-3

JARBALATE (Mes S Salket) Mes J Salket 9-11-3

ROYAL JET (G Fairbarn) G Fairbarn 7-11-3

SECONDARY INGASE (H Lambert) J Fitzperald 8-11-3

SUPREME BID (Lord Cadogart) N Crump 7-11-3

THE DIVIDER (J Aldren) Mrs T Cadder 6-1-3

VICTORY MORNI (soors late J Doon) J Doon 8-11-3

CELIA (Mrs J Robinson) J Robinson 6-10-12

1983: Sir Marcus 7-11-3 Mr T Read (10-1) W Read 11 ran.

Lord, 3 The I Medo; 7-2 Secondary Image. 13-2 Shinke Son 5-2 Prench Lord, 3 The Divider, 7-2 Secondary Image, 13-2 Shiney Son, Charles Duke, 10

2.45 CALDBECK NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: 2538: 2m 330yd) (15) OCALDBECK NOVICE NORDLE (DV II: 2538: 2m 330yd) (1: 0-0 ABSEY BOY (R Johnston) T Barnes 5-11-0 39-03 SCARDMANS CORONET (Major J Rubin) G Richards 6-11-0 6 BLSK FIZZ (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 4-11-0 6 GUN-CARRIAGE (Mrs 6 Jones) A W Jones 4-11-0 6 LISAR Y (Mrs 7 Marrediti) N Bycroft 4-11-0 70 LISAR Y (Mrs 7 Marrediti) N Bycroft 4-11-0 70 LISAR Y (Mrs 1 Ballard) K Stone 4-11-0 70 LISAR Y (Mrs 1 Ballard) K Stone 4-11-0 70 GUN-CARRIAGE (Mrs 1 Ballard) K Stone 4-11-0 70 GUN-CARRIAGE (Mrs 1 Ballard) K Stone 4-11-0 70 GUN-CARRIAGE (Mrs 1 Ballard) K Stone 4-10-8 70 GUN-CARRIAGE (Mrs 1 Ballard) K Stone 4-10-8 70 GUN-CARRIAGE (Mrs 2 Ballard) K Stone 4-10-8 70 GUN-CARRIAGE (Mrs 2 Ballard) K Ballard (Mrs 2 Ballard) Mrs 2 Ballard) K Ballard (Mrs 2 Ballard) Mrs 2 Ballard) K Ballard (Mrs 2 Ballard) Mrs 2 Ballard) K Ballard) 0-3400 JARALL (J. Michell J. Michell 4-10-8 PTPPA GLL (Arts A Bell Mrs A Bell B-10-9 TUVALU (J. Rebinson) J. Robinson 4-10-9 1983: Colonel Rose 8-11-0 Mr J Dun (20-1) T Goldle 16 rap. 9-4 Boardman's Coronet, 3 Gun-Carriage, 4 Lisally, 11-2 Barmow Burn, 8 Busk Fizz, 12 forests Hotal, 16 others.

3.15 LADBROKE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,280: 2m 4f) (12) 7.4 The Man Himself, 7-2 Flying Dats, 9-2 Abercats, 13-2 Colonel Rose, 8 Starlight Rocky, anneol, 12 others.

Worcester results

1.0 (cm hole) 1. EANLOWE DANCE (A Dungan, 8-11 tav): P. Yohat Denin (R Linky, 7-2: S. Meujeodor (R Hyat, 9-11 ALSO BAR): 11 Torymore Grees (shi), 35 Bartucia (4th), Walloudd Moss, 80 hipsy Julie Brown, 85 Bourdsmans Supremo, Bushington Lad, Courtiers Weg (put, Golden Raider, Matemple Savit, Fouchant (put, Arnother Space (got, Brandscome Towers, Ny Royal (put, Le Veille, Matemphe Savit, Fouchant (put, Froders Cherry Side, 20 Ann. 1, 101, 87, 71; 75 Whiter at Lumbourn.

CSP E60 71. Bought in 2,100 gms.
2.30 (3m ch) 1. CHARTER PARTY (P. Scudamore, 11-2); 2. Land Leighten, 16 Powell, 6-1), 3. Royal Adminit (P. Davies, 6-1) ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Rupertino, 7 Solid Rock, 14th, 8. Saltor's Rehum (Sth). Staunton (P/U, 14 Bonum Omen (P/U, 33 Bosself (P/U, 11 ran, 7, 10, 3, 2%, 6, 10. Nicholson et Stow-Om-The-World, TOTE: ES.60; E2.90, E2.10, E2.50, DP. E14.20. CSF: ESS.65. TRICAST: E187.23.
3.0 (2m ch) 1. HOPEFUL ANSWER U

1007E 55.69; E250, E210, E250, DP: E14.20, CSP: E35.65; TRICAST: E157.23

3.0 (2m ch) 1, HOPEFUL AMSWER IJ Durgan, 3-1); 2, Auming, 1G, Charles-Jones, 7-1); ALSO RAN: 15-6 fav Grack A Joke (ur), 6 My Ahaye (ur), 8 Pomposity (4th), 10 Gymer [pul. 7 mn. 2, 2, died. 6 Beking at Weylell TOTE: E3.90, E2.00, E5, 10, DP: E44.70, CSF: E44.15, 3.30 (2m tole) 7, RUTHS RAGGC (Colliny), 3 Speriams (5 Morshead, 9-1), ALSO RAN: 6 Letie Sark (pul, 7 Ariano, 8 Silver Keys Stril, 12 Monoters Trapity, 14 Mark Painter (Shi, 16 bly Name is Nobody, 20 The Hostotic True Ministrel (pol, 33 Alargnove Sound, Sellver Prince, Forestern Lad, Proud Pightin (4th, Shesto, Stargnove Gound, Geller Prince, Forestern Lad, Proud Pightin (4th, Shesto, Stargnove Gound, Geller Prince, Forestern Lad, Proud Pightin (4th, Shesto, Stargnove Gound, Geller Prince, Forestern Lad, Proud Pightin (4th, Shesto, Stargnove Gound, Geller Prince, Forestern Lad, Proud Pightin (4th, Shesto, Stargnove Gound, Geller (11), 14, 17, 17, 16 Mr. Price at Brecon Totte C 11 38; 22.40, 21.10, 24.70, DP: 215.40, CSP: 236.53, Placapote 220.15.

Catterick Bridge

T2.65 (2m hote) 1, PITTENCREST (J. B. Desses, 11-4): 2, Kindred (Jayne Thompson, 11-10: E47; 3, Bete Vire (D. Cercary, 7-2; ALSO RAM: 15-2 Claymore (6th), 16 Andy Lou (6th), 33 Ataissedy, Harmethreen (4th); 7 ms. 27-1, 27-1, 77, 77, Wewmes at Layburn, Totte 22.80; 27-80, 27.10: DF 22.10: CSF 25.36. No. Did.

56th, 33 Maissedy, Harnetwan Hay, 7 mm.
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28s0; 27.8s. 21.10. DF 2210. CSP 25.36. No
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Coughty, 8-2; 2. Facigo bright (M Brennan, 61); 3, Maisseble (R Lumb, 12-1); ALSD RAN; 6Fav Don't Annoy Me (LIRL), 3 Sacres Jug (5th), 8Ar Command, 14, Sassall (file; 22 Phy-2ons, 33
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1-45 (8m 300yd cn) 1, BLUE RREF (phr P J
Don, 15-5 Ray; 2, Sesheris Here (7 Phinom, 621-5, Strove Bleesed (C Grant, 8-1; ALSO RAN; 5-2 Shx Three, (5on), 7 Busta, Cade (8th), 10-1
Door Stop (4th) 6 ran, NRC Contry Hunter, (M, 15, 11, 4; 7 W A September at Belaco Auckland, Totar 24:30; 22-50, 22-20. OF: 23.00.
CSP: 210.14.
2.15 (2m cn) 1, KSLROETS CALIN (R O'Lsary, 4-6 tay); 2, Empress Jeannie (A Stiroge, 4-1); 3, Joyful Star (J J O'Nell, 15-2); ALSO RAN; 10
Keisey Lady (feel), Mainstort Queen (4th), 21 (10 ph.)
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2.45 (8m hole); 1, STENOGAR (Mr T 2s. 10 ph.)
2.45 (8m hole); 1, STENOGAR (Mr T 2s. 13 mm); 8 mm; Mr T Read; 50-1); ALSO RAN; 10
Keisey Lady (feel), Winy F Read, 50-1); ALSO RAN; 10
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By Marcus Williams

Benson and Hedges Cricket Year (Polham £12.95) West Indias Cricket Annual 1984 (Caribbean Communications, £2.90)
John Wissen's Cricketers' Almanack
for 1884 (Willows Publishing, £22
Although the Benson and Hedges
Cricket Year has reached its third edition, it remains a source of wonderment that two months after the end of the English season there is available a comprehensive record of it and all other major cricket throughout the world in the previous 12 months. The secret is, of course, that the book is collated throughout the year, as each overseas season progresses, leaving the domestic events to be added before the deadline. The 1984 edition maintains the

high standard of its predecessors and if there is space only to give and it there is space only to give potted scores of matches outside Tests, one-day internationals and competition finals, there is more than adequate compensation in the superb colour and monochrome photographs. Serving as an hors d'ocuvre to this highly palatable dish is a thought-provoking comment on intimidatory bowling by Tony Lewis, the assistant editor to David

Benson and Hedges also lend their support to the West Indies Cricket Annual 1984, now in its fifteenth year. The editor, Tony Cozier, has assembled the customary detailed coverage of Caribbean cricket in words, statistics and

The ambition of most cricket book collectors is to own a complete set of Wisdon, which was first published in 1846 and is now regarded as the game's "bible". Soaring prices for originals have forced all but the wealthiest - or longest standing - collectors out of the market, but now an enterprising company in Staffordshire has undertaken to reprint all the years from 1879 to 1890 (the first 15 editions have twice been reproduced by Wisden's publishers). The second of their offerings, John Wisden's Cricket Almanack for 1884, in a limited edition of 500, is handsomely produced on fine quality paper and bound in brown cloth with gilt lettering.
It features reports of the Hon. Ivo

make fascinating, diversonary read-ing, and a circulation list appended to the draft amended laws of cricket England, Victoria, New South Wales, Philadelphia, New York, Oxford and Cambridge – illustrates the limited scope of the organized game a century ago.

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George H. West, who was also cricket correspondent of The Times: history is repeated 100 years later in the person of a respected colleague, John Woodcock.

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A big hit with two centuries

By Simon Wilde

Who's Who of Cricketers by Philip Balley, Philip Thorn and Peter Bynne-Thomas (Newnes Books, Described by its publishers as

"perhaps the greatest event in cricket publishing since the first Wisden", which was 120 years ago, the Who's Who of Cricketers cannot be treated lightly as an addition to sporting literature - or physically, for that matter. Running to 1,444 pages, this weighty tome, containing entries for everyone who has appeared in first-class cricket in Britain, is nevertheless worth its cvery ounce in sold.
From Thomas White, who

walked to the middle for England in 1771 with a bat the width of the stumps, to Steve O'Shaughnessy, who equalled a world record with a century in 35 minutes on the least of the stumps. century in 35 minutes on the last day of the 1983 season against lax howers intent only on saving their howlers intent only on saving their club a befly fine, it encapsulates a myriad facets of English life across two centuries though expediency has perhaps always been among them. Who could not be a little surprised, though, to find included Surprised, Hough, to flut included such dignitaries as Arthur Conan Doyle, Sir Alec Douglas-Home, Douglas Bader, a grandson of Queen Victoria, and Samuel Beckett? The minor entries—in cricketing terms are the real nuggets in this mine.
The authors are three prominent

members of the Association of Cricket Statisticians. The Associ-ation was formed in 1973 in order to draw up, first, a precise list of first-class matches, as none had hitherto existed, and then a register of firstclass cricketers. A vast amount of beographical information has been uncarthed and many revisions made to previously accepted details. The antic of supreme authority w be sure to sit forever upon this book and subsequent editions were it not that Robert Brooke, the ASC's driving force in its early years, has compiled his own, three-volume, work, The Collins Who's Who of Fust-class cricket, to be published

There is an endless joy in discovery. Which county cricketer died, at the age of 20, on the day he was due to be married? Whose as 32 years earlier than his last?



Arlott on cricket by John Acion ist. He was tagged with "the voice of iCelius Willow, £10.95)

To follow a collection of E W Yes there can be few who doubt - Yes chart on Arlott on cricket: that he would also make the first XI was tagged with "the voice of cricket," not "the pen of cricket." Yes there can be few who doubt - Yes chart out Arlott on cricket: that he would also make the first XI. Swanton's prose, Collins Willow especially after reading have brought out Artott on cricket: that he would also make this Britings on the Game. It is as well produced and edited, or Many of the pieces. "exhumed" as the author interpolates in his preface. Some of the articles had long been forgotten by Ariott a not, no doubt, by his many

Probably only Swanton rivals Ariott in words spoken and written on circlet since the Second World War. The cognoscenti have genery considered Ariott to be firstly a adeaster and secondly a journal-



Band of hope: the promising Annabel Croft, of Britain, photographed by Tommy Hindley in the well illustrated souvenir of Wimbledon 1984

Pictures to savour from Wimbledon

The Championships, Wimbledon 1984 by John Parsons, Pavillon Books, £9.95} The Official Duffers Rules of Tennis

Squash Rackets Association Annual (edited by Larry Halpin, Pelham Books, £7.95)
The pictorial aspect of modern

tennis reporting is underrated, simply because most of us fancy simply because most of us fancy ourselves as critics of the written word but relatively few have the technical knowledge to appreciate a photographer's skill in capturing momentary subjects. Photographers of all levels will find something to their taste in the educational pleasures of The Championships, Wimbledon 1984, which has 160 large pages. large pages.

This official annual, authorized by the All England Club, has been swiftly but smartly produced for the Christmas market. Haste was essential, too, because such a volume "dates" quickly, it can be recommended for a striking assembly of photographs, in colour and black and white, which were mostly taken by Tonuny Hindley during those periods of comparative calm when his labours were not inhibited by badinage with John McEnroe and others.

John Parsons contributes a linking text of bland, comprehensive daily reports that, taken as a whole, provide a compact perma-nent record of last summer's Wimbledon. An appendix gives all the 1984 results, plus a list of previous champions and runners-

The author will be the first to take

even forgive the sight of Catherine Tanvier playing left-handed. Presu-mabley somebody misbehaved with Miss Tanvier in the dark room. Illustrations, in this case cartoons, also form the basis of The Official Duffer's Rules of Tomis. This 80 page book is totally committed to being funny but (for

one reviewer, anyway) totally fails. Humour is an clusive target for writer and artist but one reader's yawn may be another's belly-laugh. The 292-page Squash Rackets Association Annual boldly reaches

for a wider market than usual by the use of larger type, a more lavish array of illustrations (some in colour) biographies of England's leading men, and an increased emphasis on articles. material, have been neatly and brightly packaged but potential buyers may be put off by the annual's price and its rather exclusive nature. One would like the biographical notes to be extended to the women and the list of international players to be extended to the Irish, the Scots and the Weish.

It seems illogical, too, that although the annual records the championships of all three Armed Services, it ignores the more important. Combined Services individual championship and the Inter-Services team event. The annual also needs either an index or a more comprehensive table of

In the past 20 years no club has meant more to the game than that at Abbeydale Park, Sheffield, where a variety of big events have been promoted with an efficiency that blends top-class squash with the spirit of laughter. Abbeydale's fiftieth anniversary celebrations included the publication of 152-page pleasure in the fact that, for a change, Hindley and his photo- fiftieth anniversary celebrations graphic colleagues have been granted starring roles. In browsing among this delightful gallery, we can obtained from the club for £5.

Not so much a bad player more a funny writer

By Alan Gibson

nursi XI of cricketers who had won mass XI of cricketers who had won Blues at either university since the war. Before long, the name Blofeld cropped up, and was eagerly seized upon by the philosophers, but having met him and liked him, I put in a word for him, pointing out that he had scored a lot of runs for Norolk in a Gillent Cup match a word or two before. This ensured his week or two before. This ensured I exclusion from the list of the

We were being unjust to Henry, who must have been a pretty good batsman, though a scrious accident (when, according to one of his constantly varying accounts, he happened to charge an advancing steam-roller head-on) preventing his full development ("Only half a stomach left, though fortunately the more vital parts were spared"). He had, prior to the disaster, scored a century for the Public Schools against the Combined Services, going in at No 7.

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Henry went to Eton and King's, in the family tradition, though he had to leave King's early, for reasons more connected with his academic than his physical health. Not that he was dim. It was just that there were more interesting things, cricket and gin and girls, which

Caught Short of the Boundary, and
Other Fall Stories by Henry Blofeld
(Stanley Paul. £6.95).

A fair few years age, I was sitting
over a pint or several in the County
Ground Hotel, Bristol, with D. M.
Green and A. R. Lewis, philosophers both (Gloucestershire were
playing Glamorgan). Green being an
Oxford man and Lewis a Cambridge, we proceeded to select the
warst XI of cricketers who had won composition for the Aberdeen Adversitiser, the Estonian Echo, the Oueensland Quest or the Zamibar Zealoi is coming along. He takes all of this in the most bonhomous of spirits. In broadcating, his Eton/King's aristocratic drawl has become abuses as function in become almost as famous, in its own way, as John Arlott's earthy Hampshire accent. I am writing about him because

he has produced a book, which, as the jacket says, is "not so much a cricketing book, more an absolute scandar. It describes, among other things, the night be spent in an American goal after assaulting (ie smacking on the bottom) an American girl friend who bad spurned him. It is quite funny, where it can be believed, and even funnier where it cannot. It is worth reading. I had the feeling that his account of his argument with Botham (Botham thumped him. and Henry was alarmed because there was a brick wall a couple of inches behind his head) is fairly accurate. The front cover of the book has a cartoon of Botham and Henry dancing arm-in-arm. The cartoons are the only disappointing imhumorous. You cannot say that

Compelling echoes of cricket's 'voice'

Many of the pieces, selected by David Rayvern Allen, first appeard in benefit brochures, handbooks in benefit brochures, handbooks and magazines. Their range is wide.

Arion is as compelling when dissecting Boycou's character as he is landing the Hambledon men. He has rarely been polarized on cricketing matters, Like the true Literal he is. Ariou's outlook is lengered by reason. compassion

Of his work. Arlott says in the

tragedies afloat

By John Nicholis

Great Yackt Races by Bob Fier (Orbis Publishing £10)
Single Handed by The Charges (Ehury Press, £12.95)
By this time next year, competitors in the 1985-86 Whitbread Round the World race will be somewhere in the Southern Ocean, making for Auckland at the end of their second kee. If previous form

their second leg. If previous form for the race is followed one or two beats will already have retired, probably with broken masts. At best, crews will be feeling merely uncomfortable and apprehensive among the icebergs; at worst, they may be mutinous.
Until a few weeks ago it looked as

if this British-inspired and orga-nized race would be without a British entry for the first time. Fewer owners than before seem prepared to set off just for the hell of it an to mount a serious challenge now that costs are far more than most can afford to spend. Sponsor-ship may yet come to the rescue, but that is becoming harder to find. Soon it will be too late for potantial skippers to consider any but existing boats, so that given a British starter, it is unlikely there will be a British

it is unlikely there will be a British wanter.

The latest enery list does however, include three British efforts, although two of them still depend on attracting some help from sponsors. The one apparent certainty is for a so-far imspecified yacht underwritten by Simon Le Bon, a member of the pop group Duran Duran, Le Bon admits to being a yachting novice, but insists the boat and crew will be competitive. No doubt sponsors will rally round to help him on his way, Previous races have been well Previous races have been well covered at the time and are now summarized in Great Yacht Races Bob Fisher describes all three held so far, listing the triumphs and the tragedies (three men lost overboard in 1974) and describes how the

event has changed from being a fairly cautious venture into the unknown in 1973-4 to a flat-out sprint down each leg last time. As the tide of the book suggests, it covers more than just Round the World races. All the big inter-

national events of the past century

one of the best documented sections covers the single-handed transmitance race which can truly be described as one of occan racing's classies. This event was the first of many short-handed races and, after 25 years, rates at definitive book of its own. Called Single Handed it has been compaled by The Observer, sponsors of the race every four years nce 1960.
It too is a plush publication.

equally as impressive as Great Yacht Races, though in a slightly smaller format. The various sec-tions were written by a mixture of The Observer reporters, competitors and others who followed the races

inevitably become intensively competitive, it still attracts a sizeable number of sailors, men and women, who compete for reasons other than that of winning. In this respect it is probably unique and few, if any, other races

include such a wide variety of craft and competitors. Contrast, for example, the food carried by one weight-conscious skipper: One Royal Marine Arctic one-day ration pack for every two days (estimated) of the voyage; with the hanneh of lamb, Burgundy harn and seven gallons of wine taken by someone who clearly meant to enjoy himself.

A genuine rival to Rothmans

By Paul Newman

The League Club Directory 1985 (Newnes Books, 25.95) Canon League Football Players' Records (Newnes Books, £1(0.95) Records (Newnes Books, £10.95)
The Rothmans Football Yearbook, which for many years was unchallenged as the game's leading annual reference work, has in recent times faced increasing competition. The latest rival is The League Club Directory 1985, which attempts to corner one aspect of the market by concerning on the clubs them.

concentrating on the clubs them-selves rather than on international football or domestic and Europea cup competitions.

The directory devotes six pages to every club in the Canon League and

gives a comprehensive record of their preformances last season. There are also complete playing records of every professional in the League and the inclusion of birth dates and transfer fees - which are not in the current Rothmans - is particularly welcome. Programme collectors will find the book useful as it gives details of

contents and how to order programmes. The best aspect of the book, however, is the information for visiting supporters. For every club there is a ground plan and details of ticket prices and how to get there by road. The only significant omission is information on rail travel:

Newnes Books have also published Canon League Football Players' Records, which is a welcome update of a book first ssued by Rothmans three years ago. It gives complete career records of appearances and goals of every footballer to have played in the League since 1946 and is a superb one of the few faults of the first

book was its division into two sections, one for past players and one for present; a number of present players in particular never actually appeared again in the League. The new edition eliminates Of his work. Arloff says in the preface: "No writer can after the history, but only reflect it thus these pieces show the vast change – not for the worst, but simply different – between the 1946 attempt to recreate the cricket scene of 1939; and that of 1984. Cricket has always and that of 1984. Cricket has always wer. Those of contemporary players have been nodated, but accert from background.

Artout's staggaring capacity for a Artout's staggaring capacity for a work is exemplified by his being the same nathonary and even the same photographs have been used. Duplication of much of the stansical information was inevitious and paraphies, the best of these, he will tell you, was his biography of Fred Trueman. If his selection can be criticized, it is for not including a passage from it.

Budget undertaking a Community Treaty Regina v Her Majesty's Parliament and an Order in Council of Parliament, what those laws consider that there was any such treasury. Ex parte Smedley was in fact made in those terms, to mean! make the payment on the authority of section 2(3) of the Act.

Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Slade and Lord Justice Lloyd

[Judgment delivered December 19] The Court of Appeal considered the respective roles of Parliament and the courts in reserved judg-ments dismissing an appeal by William Oliver Smedley from Mr Justice Woolf's dismissal on December 7 (The Times, December December 7 (The Times, December 8) of his application for judicial review and, inter alia, an order to quash the determination or intended determination by her Majesty's Treasury that the undertaking referred to in the draft Statutory Instrument, The European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Undertaking on the Supplementary Finance for the Community) Order 1984, could properly be regarded and specified as a Community Treaty as defined in section 1 -(2) of the European Communities Act 1972.

Section 1 (2) of the 1972 Act

Section 1 (2) of the 1972 Act provides In this Act. The Treaties or the Community Treaties means, subject to subsection (3) below, the pre-accession treaties that

tion (3) below, the pre-accession treaties, that is to say those described in., Schedule I to this Act, taken with (a) the treaty relating to the accession of the United Kingdom to the European Economic Community... and any other treaty... entered into, as a treaty ancillary to any of the Treaties, by the United Kingdom...

By subsection (3): "If her Majesty by Order in Council declares that a treaty specified in the Order is to be regarded as one of the Community Treaties as herein defined, the Order shall be conclusive that it is to be so regarded; but a treaty entered into be the United Kingdom after by the United Kingdom after January 22, 1972, shall not be so reserted unless it is so specified, not regarded unless it is so specified, nor be so specified unless a draft of the Order in Council has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament."

Leave to appeal to the House of Louis was refused. Mr Leolin Price, QC. Mr John McDonnell, QC and Mr T. M. Ashe for Mr Smedley, Mr John Laws for The MASTER OF THE ROLLS

said that Mr Smedley sought the assistance of the court as a British taxpayer and elector. He was troubled by the expressed intention of the Treasury to pay the European Community a sum in excess of £121.5 million out of the Consolidated Fund and to do so without seeking the authority of Parliament in the form of an Appropriating Act or similar statute.
It could seem that the Treasury

proposed to operate the special procedure provided by section 1 of the 1972 Act, which involved laying a draft Order in Council before Parliament and if that draft Order was approved by affirmative resolution of both Houses of

The matter in issue had been fully argued and there could be and was no complaint that the courts or the practitioners had been dilatory.

it followed from the statutory provisions that if her Majesty by Order in Council, the draft of which had previously been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament, were to declare that an international agreement was to be regarded as one of the Community Treaties, the Treasury would without further authority be entitled to make any payments called for by that

On November 19, 1984, a draft Order in Council was laid before both Houses of Parliament. It specified the undertaking made by the representatives of the Governments of the member States meeting within the Council on Ortober 3 ments of the member states meeting within the Council on October 2 and 3 to make payments to the Community in 1984 to finance a supplementary and amending budget as being a treaty to be regarded as a Community Treaty as defined in Section 1 (2) of the 1972 Act.

Although the United Kingdom had no written constitution, it was a

had no written constitution, it was a constitutional convention of the constitutional convention of the highest importance that the legislature and the judicature were separate and independent of one another, subject to certain ultimate rights of Parliament over the judicature which were immaterial or present purposes.
It behaved the courts to be ever

sensitive to the paramount need to refrain from trespassing upon the province of Parliament or, so far as that could be avoided, even appearing to do so, His Lordship would hope and expect that Parliament would be similarly sensitive to the need to refrain from trespassing upon the province of the it would clearly be a breach of the

constitutional conventions for any court to express any view, let alone take any action, concerning the decision to lay the draft Order in Council before Parliament or concerning the wisdom or otherwise of Parliament approving the draft. Equally there could be no possible constitutional objection to Parliament debating the draft ments. constitutional conventions for any ment debating the draft merely because the court was seized of Mr Smedley's complaint, The exercises were essentially different. The submission that at the stage

when no Order in Council had been made or could yet be made it was premature for the court to consider Mr Smedley's application had force but it required further examination. It was the function of Parliament to legislate and legislation was necessarily in written form. It was necessarily in written form. It was the function of the courts to construe and interpret that legislation. In popular language, it was for Parliament to make the laws and for the courts to tell the nation

While Parliament was entirely

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ndependent of the courts in its freedom to enact whatever legislation it saw fit, legislation by Order in Council, statutory instrument or other subordinate means was in quite a different

category, not being Parliamentary legislation. Subordinate legislation was subject to some degree of judicial control in the sense that it was within the province and authority of the courts to hold that particular examples were not authorized by statute, or by the common law and so were without legal effect.

At present there was no Order in

At present there was no Order in Council to which Mr Smedley could object as being unauthorized. It seemed likely that, if both Houses approved the draft order, her Majesty would be advised to make and would make an order in the terms of the draft, whereupon the courts would without doubt be competent to consider whether or not the order was properly made in not the order was properly made in the sense of being intra vires.

Similar considerations as in R v

Electricity Commissioners ([1924] 1

KB 171) applied in the present case. It was clear from the terms of the undertaking that the provision of undertaking that the provision of money was considered a matter of urgency. If Mr Smedley's application were deferred until both Houses had considered whether each approved the draft Order in Council, the court would have contributed an avoidable period of delay chould the courter view he delay should the correct view be that an Order in Council in terms of the draft would be valid and to what might be thought a waste of parliamentary time if the correct view was that such an Order in Council would be invalid. The essence of Mr Smedley's

omplaint was that the undertaking to make the payment to the European Community was not a "treaty ancillary to any of the Treaties" within the meaning of that arase in section 1 (2) of the 1972

The concept of one treaty being "ancillary" to another was not one of precision. Quite apart from whether a particular instrument would otherwise be regarded as "ancillary" to the Community Treaties, Parliament had retained the right to prevent it being so regarded by refusing to approve the draft Order in Council designed to schieve that result.

The sole question for the court was whether the Order in Council, if made, would or would not be intra vires the power conferred by Parliament upon those who would make it. That power must be assumed to be limited to making an Order in Council in relation to an agreement which could properly be regarded as ancillary to Community Treaties. It was said that the undertaking

conflicted with some of the provisions of the Community Treaties. His Lordship did not

taking and the Treaties

Community instruments were not expressed against the back-ground of English canons of construction: see per Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, in Bulmer Ltd v Bollinger SA (1974) Ch 401). The Community Treaties were designed to express principles. The relevant principle was that the Community to express principles. The Community budget should so far as possible, and thus usually, be entirely financed out of the Community's own resources, but not that in all circumstances it must be so

In the view of the member States, unusual circumstances had arisen in 1984 which gave rise to the need for a supplementary and amending budget. A temporary departure from the guiding principle set out in the Community Treaties did not seem to be in any way inconsistent with the undertaking being properly regarded as ancillary to the Community Treaties.

His Lordship thought that an Order in Council in the terms of the draft would quite plainly be intra vires the order making power and would dismiss the appeal.

LORD HISTICE SLADE serve ing, said that he had little doubt that Mr Smedley, if only in his capacity as a taxpayer, had sufficient local standi, to raise the question in issue by way of judicial review. Applying R v Electricity Commissioners (2) p213) his Lordship would reject the submission that the application was premature and that no decision should be made in relation to it at the present stage.

Two points were clear, Any attack by Mr Smedley on the proposed Order in Council had to be based on the proposed exercise of the discretion of her Majesty in Council If it were to succeed it must be shown to fall within the Wednesbury principle [[1948] 1KB

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The phrase "ancillary to" in section 1(2) of the 1972 Act was an imprecise expression of wide and somewhat uncertain import. His Lordship was not convinced

that the undertaking would necess the Community Treaties when read as a whole. Any agreement which was ancillary to an earlier agreement might well involve some variation of that agreement and so, in one sense a measure of conflict with it. That did not inevitably prevent the subsequent agreement being properly described as "ancillary" to the carlier agreement.
It must be a question of degree

according to the facts of each case. It was just the sort of point which the legislature by the 1972 Act had seen fit to leave to her Majesty in Council tary power to veto.

Lord Justice Lloyd agreed. Solicitors: Bower Cotton Bower, Treasury Solicitor.

Juvenile court priority over wards in care shall not prejudice any power of any court in England and Wales... to

Before Mrs Justice Heilbron

multiplicity of proceedings in different courts and when a local authority desired to place a ward in its care in secure accommodation the local authority was required to make' application first to the juvenile court under the provisions of section 21 A of the Child Care Act 1980. The appropriate time to make application to the wardship jurisdiction was after and not before the authorization of the juvenile

Mrs Justice Heilbron so stated in the Family Division in considering a summons for directions seeking chrification of the procedure to be

Section 21 A of the Child Care
Act 1980 provides—(1) Subject to
the following provisions of this
section, a child in the care of a local section, a child in the care of a local authority may not be placed, and, if placed, may not be kept, in accommodation provided for the purpose of restricting liberty unless it appears— (a) that—(i) he has a history of absconding and is likely to abscond from any other description of accommodation; and (ii) if he absconds, it is likely that his physical, mental or moral weffare will be at risk; or (b) that if he is kept in any other description of accommodation he is likely to injure himself or other persons.

"(2) The secretary of state may by regulations—(a) specify—(i) a maximum period beyond which a child may not be kept in such accommodation without the authority of a juvenile cours; and (ii) a

ority of a juvenile cours; and (ii) a maximum period for which a juvenile court may authorize a child to be kept in such accommodation...and (c) provide that appli-cations to a juvenile court under this section shall be made by local 7(3) It shall be the duty of a venile court before which a child

juvenile court before which a child is brought by virtue of this section to determine whether any relevant criteria for keeping a child in accommodation provided for the purpose of restricting liberty are satisfied in his case; and if a court determines that any such criteria are alished, it shall make an order authorizing the child to be kept in such accommodation and specifying the maximum period for which he may be so kept.

Mr Mark Hedley for the local authority, Mr Andrew Blake for the MRS JUSTICE HEILBRON said

that the local authority desired to place a boy, a ward of court, aged 16%, in a custodial placement at a youth training centre for at least 12 months. The discretion of a local authority to restrict the liberty of children in care was now severely imited and subject to careful securiny by the juvenile court following the provisions of section 21A of the Child Care Act 1980 and the Secure Accommodation (No 2) Regulations (SI 1983 No 1308).

Section 21A was a replacement section which was substituted in the 1980 Act by section 9 of the Health and Social Services and Social Security Adjudications Act 1983. The section together with the regulations came into force on January 1, 1984. The section applied to wards of court committed appared in wards of court comments
to the care of a local authority by
writte of section 7(2) of the Family
Law Reform Act 1969.
The local authority sought

directions relating to K because of the apparent conflict of judicial opinion relating to procedure.

The apparent conflict arose because Mr Justice Balcombe had held that where a child was a ward of court under section 7(2) of the 1969 Act application had to be

accommodation and then to seek and others who followed the races through the years.

Although The Otherrer Single-banded Trans Atlantic Race has inectivable become intensively and the races of a local authority was served best by the avoidance of a March 27, 1984).

Seek authorization from the juvenile court in the care of a local authority was served best by the avoidance of a March 27, 1984).

Then it appeared that Mr Justice Hollings thought that the relevant legislation had not fettered the power of the court in the wardship urisdiction to direct a child to be placed in secure accommodation and that the authorization of the juvenile court was not required: see in re L (a Minor) (The Times, July However Mr Justice Hollings, on

having an opportunity to study the full transcript of the judgment of Mr Justice Balcombe reconsidered his judgment and then adopted the same view as Mr Justice Balcombe Section 21A of the 1980 Act was mandatory. A local authority could not place a child in secure accommodation unless certain criteria were fulfilled and could only keep a child, if satisfied that the criteria existed, for no more than 72

hours before seeking and obtaining the authority of the juvenile court. detailed requirements. Regulation 16 stated ... each local authority had to follow detailed requirements. Regulation 16 stated ... each local authority shall appoint at least two personstants and market and market and states. who shall review at intervals not exceeding three months the case of each child to whom these regu-

maximum period for authorization by the juvenile court; the first of which was three months and . The regulations were mandatory upon the local authority and did not appear to envisage a concurrent supervisory role by the High Court under the wardship jurisdiction but that supervisory role was not

The importance of the new legislation could not be under-calimated. It was not now permitted for a local authority to place a child in care in secure accommodation for an indefinite period as and when it was thought appropriate; there must be a judicial hearing before the juvenile court which might, only if certain stringent conditions were fulfilled, specify a certain but limited period a child could be placed and kept in secure accommodation.

dation.
It was clear that in every case in which it was proposed that a child should be placed in secure accommodation that the prior authorization of the juvenile court was essential save for the very brief period excepted by the regulations.
The tenor of the new legislation was to keep a minor in secure accommodation for as short a time as possible and provided that his progress should be monitored and reviewed carefully and regularly within the terms of the regulations.

It would appear that an application to keep the ward in secure accommodation for longer than six months which would be possible under the wardship jurisdiction would be out of step with the intention of Parliament as deduced from the statute and the regulations. Both counsel had pointed out the difficulties if an application had to be made first to the wardship court;

party to the proceedings and would not necessarily be represented or even present at the hearing An application might have to be made as a matter of urgency. A speedy hearing could be arranged in the High Court but the judge would require a certain amount of affidavit cyclenge as well as oral evidence. evidence as well as oral evidence.
The multiplicity of proceedings in different courts could lead to a chaotic situation and the welfare of

the child was achieved best by the avoidance of multiplicity.

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party to the proceedings and would

in the present case it was considered that it was desirable to place K in secure accommodation for 12 months.

It would be surprising if the wardship jurisdiction could be ased laid down by Parliament, if a statute provided strict conditions for the exercise of powers by a specific court it would also be surprising that in the case of a ward of court the established scheme could be bypassed. The High Court exercising the wardship jurisdiction had wide powers but there were circumstances when the jurisdiction should

be and was so circumscribed. Mr Blake had submitted that a major change in the child's life took place when he was placed in secure accommodation.
It was that placement which would deprive him of liberty and

the appropriate time to make an application to the High Court would be after and not before the juvenile court authorization. The criteria would have been proved to exist and the child would have been In her Ladyship's opinion there was support for that submission in the terms of the siztute and the

Section 21 A (8) provided that
"The giving of an authorization ...

to whom the authorization relates". By that section power was reserved to the court, including the to extend the maximum period as High Court exercising the wardship

jurisdiction, to give directions relating to an authorized child if required but the section clearly presupposed that the authority had already been given. If that course was followed conflict would be avoided. The High Court did not have to be concerned with criteria. In A v Livergool City Council ([1982] AC 363,372) Lord Wilberforce said: To the argument
... that the High Court has a
special and overriding jurisdiction

because only there can the welfare of a child be assigned its proper place, the answer is clear, that there is no other principle upon which any court or administrative body can ... act than upon what is best for the child's welfare." If thought necessary the present case could be returned to the High

Court for further directions if the local authority obtained the requisite authority from the juvenile court to keep K in secure accommodation. Solicitors: Mr W. I. Murray, Liverpool; Official Solicitor.

High Court supremacy in welfare of wards

Comcil (No 2) Before Mr Justice Sheldon

regulations.

[Judgment delivered December 17] Problems relating to a ward of court placed in the care of a local authority under section 7(2) of the Family Law Reform Act 1969 and the fact that the ward's best interests required that he be placed in secure accommodation under section 21 A of the Child Care Act 1980 and th Secure Accommodation (No 2) Regulations (SI 1983 No 1308) were the subject of observations made by Mr Justice Sheldon in the Family Dividion.
Miss Barbara Slomnicka for the

local authority; Miss Cherie Booth for the mother; Mr Andrew Kirkwood for the guardian ad litem MR JUSTICE SHELDON said

that his observations were complementary to the judgment of Mr Justice Balcombe on March 22 (The Times, March 27, 1984) with whom Mr Justice Hollings subsequently agreed (The Times November 2) and of Mrs Justice Heilbron in In re K (a Minor) (The Times December 20, 1984).

The problems arose because of the apparent overlapping of the powers and responsibilities of the High Court, the local authority, the juvenile court and possibility the

His Lordship agreed with the procedure proposed by Mr Justice. Balcombe. The ultimate responsibility for the welfare of the ward was the fact of the Ward was that of the High Court. All the major decisions affecting the ward's welfare should be taken subject to the directions of the High Court. The relationship in law between the High Court and the local authority pertaining to wards of court placed in the care of the local

authority under section 7(2) of the

M v Lambeth London Borough 1969 Act remained the same as it was before the passing of section 21 A of the 1980 Act and the 1983 (No

Regulations.The local authority had sought directions from the High Court concerning the boy who had been placed in secure accommodation following an application to the juvenile court on the direction of Mr Justice Balcombe. On March 24 the juvenile court had authorized the placement of the ward in a special unit for three months; on June 18, 1984 the juvenile court had granted authority for a further six months. That period expired on December 18, 1984.

The local authority sought directions as the social workers and the child psychianist advised further placement in the secure accommodation but the statutory reviewing panel of four members had decided that the boy should no longer remain in secure accommodation.

The reviewing panel were subject to section 18(1) of the 1980 Act that the first consideration must be given to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of the child throughout his childhood. Children's cases were never easy and his Lordship saw no reason for criticizing the panel for taking a different view.

The boy had made progress but the evidence before his Lordship was so overwhelming that it would be in the boy's interests to remain in the special unit. The local authority should ask the juvenile court to authorize the boy's continued placement for a further six months. The juvenile court should be able to see a copy of his Lordship's

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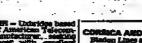
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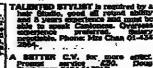
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The Times guide to career development

Working at retirement

It is only 10.30 am when George has his first drink of the day. He has aiready been up four hours aithough the reason for the early rise no longer exists. He hasn't had breakfast, just tea and a piece of toast. He has been to get the paper and read it and now needs that drink

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George is not alcoholic as yet. The day is stretching before him like featureless landscape, nothing to aim at and nothing to look forward to. He will go to the pub or perhaps not as money is tight. A doze and ten are the highlights of the day. All that has happened to George is that he is no longer working - or, to be more precise no longer employed.

It is not as if George was unprepared for retirement. He volunteered to go early and had spent some time at work as a steward counselling others in similar circumstances Despite this, the reality was far worse than he imagined. For many others it

Life in industrialised countries is based upon employment. The edu-cation system trains rather than educates in both its subject matter and its disciplines, and this is as true at university as at primary school levels. The older notions of education have found no place in the late twentieth century. We ask young people what they want to be and expect an answer couched in job title terms. Employment and the job, its rewards, its status, its identity and its social importance pervade every day

Unfortunately not all of us work, and those of us that do have periods when we are left to our own devices. For employees these periods can legitimately be termed leisure, because it is work which defines the

There are disciplines at work. Time keeping can be ritualised, self-expression suppressed and tasks perpression suppressed and tasks per-formed. For the majority of people employment is about doing things that other people have told them to do. The number of people tucky enough to have jobs which they design themselves and where the priorities are self-set is small indeed, although "luck" is a value judgment.

It follows that if the education system prepares people for work rather than for life, then there may be

Barrie Sherman on the problems of not being employed

problems when work is no longer available. George, and there are thousands like him, demonstrates the

problem in stark relief. What work does is less romantic than giving us a sense of purpose, and employment does is more mundane than imparting a sense of identity. It structures our time. That either because of redudancy or retirement or the aftermath of the child bearing/raising period, we are at

George's drinking (it may as well have been taking tranquillizers) is only a solitary version of the young person hanging around the street corner because school had prepared him or her for a job and precious little else. In passing, it is worth noting that the palliatives, the YTS and many other schemes, merely reinforce this status quo.

If work structures our time then it should prepare us for non-work. Activity in retirement is not un-Activity in retirement is not un-known, although most of it is a continuation of working life hobbies, like gardening, bowls and painting. The lucky few get consultancies, but these are people who had knowledge-intensive jobs. Some unemployed people use their skills or expertise to start their own businesses, while others bring the disciplines to bear on their hobbies or interests and convert them into companies.

These people, however, are not the rule. More people feel lost when not at their place of employment than revel in their newly found freedoms. This can trail tragedy in its wake as the mortality figures among men and the attempted suicides among the mem-

The structure of work quite simply does not prepare us for anything else. Our ability to take control over our own time, and over our lives, appears to be impaired by our experiences at work. We carry little away from work into our non-work lives. One explanation for this is that the structures are all already laid down, and that there is little encouragement

to think or to practise innovations on an individual basis. The time is provided by the individual but the cirumstances of the job dictate how it

is filled.

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and, indeed long periods of leisure time, are for some people like writers

The way to solve George's problem is not at first sight as easy as it may appear to be. Pre-retirement counsel ling can help, as can a series of training schemes for the younger unemployed men and women. But these are at best second choices. Both are based on the assumption that working is better than not working and that full time work is better than part-time. Neither gives the individual the self confidence or the know-how to regain power over their own

The answers have to be seen in the longer term. Changes in the way that we educate people are long overdue, and the trend in the US to employ creative generalists rather than specialist technicians should be pointing in the right direction. More important is the change in how we work, and how we conduct ourselves at work. The new systems can be used to decentralise decision making, to enhance skills and to stimulate the art of taking responsibility. At present they are being used in precisely the

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Time Doctor and Glynn Christian's festive fare between 8,30 and 9,00. The guest is Rod Hutl with Emu. Taking Sides. The final programme in the radiovision series, broadcast simultaneously with Radio 4 deals with Morality. Among those taking part are Richard Tipler, a former policeman turned sex-shop owner who

has now embraced Christianity, philosopher Alan Ryan, the Bishop of Stepney, Jim Thompson, and Sir Monty Finniston, 10.00 Ceefax, 10.30 Play School (r). 10.50 Ceefax. 30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Moira Stuart. The weather details come Regional news (London and

.00 Pebble Mill at One includes the final of the Youth in Business Award and music from Shakatak 1,45 Fingerbobs (r).

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.00 The Afternoon Show presented by Barbara Dickson and Panny Junor. Among the topics touched on today are retirement and social drinking. There is also an interview with Chris Serie. 2.40 Beauty is in the Eye. The last of four films Polynesia (r).

L50 War at Sea, Ludovic Kennedy

traces the history of the four-year life of the German warship, Schamhorst (r). 1: 41 Land Jerry in A-Tominable Snowman 3.48

Regional news (not London). 1.50 Play School, presented by Ben Thomas 4.10 SuperTed. i.15 Jackanory. Michael

Barrymore reads part four of The Land of Green Ginger. 4.30 Screen Test Christmas Special. The champions meet 100 mg a guest team representing Grange Hill. 4.50 John Craven's Newsround. 5.00 Blue Peter. Simon Groom

Illuminations in Mousehole. Cornwall (Ceefax) 5.20 Henry's Cat 5.25 Grange Hill. Episode 16 (r) (Ceefax) 5.58 3.00 News with Sue Lawley and

Vicholas Witchell. 3.30 London Plus.

3.55 The District Nurse. The final episode of the series and Megan faces a dijemma. Should she stay in Pencwn or should she leave and find happiness elsewhere? (Caefax). 7.25 Top of the Pous presented by

Simon Bates and Janica Long. 3.00 The Front Line. Sheldon is Malcolm, now a policeman, Martins, a small-time crook. 8.30 Zoc 2000. Jeremy Cheries

close contact with uncaged animais (Ceefax): 9.00 News with Julia Somervilla. 9.25 Crimewatch UK, Nick Ross and Sue Cook present a series

visits zoos that specialise in

of reconstructed unsolved crimes in an effort to log viewers' memories. 0.05 Taking Sides Special, More than 100 members of the mining community of

Derbyshire debate their predicament. 1.05 Crimewatch Update. 1.15 Macmillan at War. Lord Stockton recalls the negotiations which led to the The second secon

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6.25 Good Morning Britain nted by Anne Diamond presented by Anne Plamond and Nick Owen, News with Jayne Irving at 6.30, 7,00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; guests, Nicholas Parsons, Faith Brown and Silvind Toumpetito from 5.45; exercises at 6.45 and 9.20 pressible at 6.55 and 9.20 pressibl 9.20; prercises at 6.51; pop-video at 7.46; Faith Brown remembers Christmas past at 8.16; film review at 8.34; Tina Baker solves Christmas problems at 6.47.

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9.25 Themes naws headlines followed by Sessme Street. 10.25 The Moomins (r). 10.30 Under the Same Sky. Tom Baker with a story from Germany, Stina, about the horrors of having a car accident abroad

10.50 About Britain. Vic of the Scillies is a portrait of Vic Treawith, bus driver and tax operator who has been entertaining istenders and visitors with humour and song for nearly 80 years. 11.15 Video and Chips. Computer knowledge for the young 11.35 Razzmatazz. Pop music.

12.00 Flicks, Cartoon films of . children's books, presented by Christopher Lillicrap (r) 12.10 Mooncat and Co and guest Patsy Rowlands 12.30 The

1.00 News at One 1.20 Thames news with Robin Houston 1.30 Falcon Crest, Drame series hour the hettle for control of a California wine business. Starring Jane Wyman. . 2.30 Daytime, Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on a matter of topical importance

The second leg of the final between the Open University and the University of St. Andrews, The questions is Bamber Gascoigne. 3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 Film: Scout's Honor (1980). A

made-for-television movie, starring Katherine Helmond and Wilfred Hyde White, about a middle-aged woman who dislikes children who is reluctantly persuaded to organise a cub scout group. Directed by Henry Levin. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News 6.00 Thames news.

6.35 Crossroads, Glenda Banks learns some news about John Latchford from Kath Browniow. 7.00 Knight Rider. Michael Knight and his computerised car go to

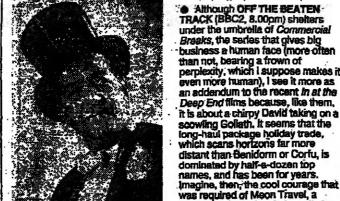
the assistance of a committed social worker who is being scared off her ranch by a gang intention claiming heroll rights. 8.00 Duty Free. The last programme in the comedy

series about two couples on holiday in Spain. 8.30 Hotel, More drama from San Francisco's St Gregory Hotel where, this week, Mrs Cabot's erratic behaviour is causing the staff concern.

9.30 TV Eye: The Third Man. Will it be safe to fly the Atlantic with a smaller flight deck crew and fewer engines? Yes, says the airline planning to introduce two-engined passenger jets flown by two pilots on the North Atlantic route. No, say the pilots who argue that the

airline is saving money at the risk of passengers' lives. 10,00 News at Ten. 10.30 Film: The Wild Bunch (1969)

starring William Holden, Ernest Borgnine, Robert Ryan and Edmund O'Brien. Drama set in the not-so-Wild West of 1914 when a gang of outlaws, chased by bounty hunters, plan a raid on a railroad office on the Texas border, unaware that their deadliest enemy has set a trap for them. Lots of gore as one would expect from the director, Sam Peckinpah. 12.55 Night Thoughts.



stanley Holloway: Champagne , Charlie (Channel 4, 5.00 pm

BBC 2 9.00 Ceefax 3.55 Backstairs at the White House. The last episode of the saries on the lives of saldents of the United States as seen through the eyes of a mother and daughter who, between them, worked in the White House for more than half a century. In this afternoon's episode Harry Truman is played by Harry Morgan, Andrew Duggan is Dwight D Eisenhower and John Anderson plays Franklin D Roosevelt (r) 5.30 News summary with subtities

5.35 Film: The War Wegon (1967) starring John Wayne, Kirk Douglas and Howard Keel. Wayne plays a paroled prisoner bent on taking revenge on the man who put son and also took his arm. The ex-prisoner, Taw Jackson, recruits a gang to steal a gold shipment that is guarded by an almost impregnable horse-drawn steel wagon. With Keenan Wynn and Bruce Cabot. Directed by Burt Kennedy

7.10 The First Noels. Part four of the series tracing the history of carols concentrates on those written when the monarchy was restored to the throne following the Puritan period Presented by Sir Geraint Evans and featuring the William Byrd Choir and the Choir of All Saints Church, London 7.25 Open Space: Blues and

syond. Part two of the series celebrating black music. From London's Moonshine Arts Centre, Chicago's Julio Finn, with performers from Africa, America and the Caribbean, play blues, reggae and griot music from West Africa 5.00 Commercial Breaks. The final programme of the series

lows the fortunes of a small holiday company who have taken the decision to expand into the competitive exotic holiday market. A new chief executive, Graham Phillips, scours the world for out-ofthe-way places and by October the new brochure is out. Will it attract any potential

8.30 Food and Drink Christmas Special, presented by Chris Kelly. The best buys in Christmas puddings and suggestions for disposal of turkey leftovers

9.00 Entertainment USA. Jonathan King is in Seattle where he discovers why the Washington city has become the testing ground for avant garde plays and films

9.30 Forty Minutes: The Loved Ones. A documentary about the ever-open Animal Medical Center, New York (See Choice

10.10 The Travel Show presented by Paul Heiney includes reports on wintertime in Teneriffe; on what you get for your money at Mayrhoten in the Austrian Alps; and on a British Rail mystery tour 10.45 Newsnight 11.30 Buongiorno Italia! (r). Ends at

CHANNEL 4

mere fledgling, when it threw its hat into the ring with the intention of

shocking sophisticated travellers into thinking that they were being

2.30 The British at War. The series of British wartime documentaries and propaganda films, introduced by Leslie Halliwell, continues with Fires Were Started * - a film made by Humphry Jennings in 1943 that tells the story of a day in the life of members of a London Auxiliary Fire Service substation during the bilitzes of 1940-41. Them: The True Story of Lift Martene "which depicts the story of the German song the story of the German song adopted by the Eighth Army as a marching song; and Cameramen at Wer. " A tribute to the camera operators of the Allied armed services and the newsreel companies. The commentator is Raymond Glendenning.

4.30 Countdown. This second semi 5.00 Film: Champagne Charlie *
(1944) starring Tommy Trinder
and Stanley Holloway. Period
piece about the rivalry between two Victorian music half entertainers during the 1860s. Directed by Alberto

7.00 Channel Four News. ,7.50 Comment. With his personal new of a matter of topical Importance is Canon Charles liker of the South London Catholic Caribbean Chaplaincy.

8.00 The Road to Itang. A

documentary about the small Ethiopian border town of itang which, 18 months ago, boasted fewer than 200 residents. Today that number has swollen to 60,000 because of the influx of refugees who have fled from the political uncertainties in southern Sudan. They seek succour from a country that itself is reeling from famine. Despite this, a massive relief operation has been set up to cope with the ever-increasing numbers of refugees turning itang into the biggest project in Africa for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. The narrator is Terence 5.30 International Gymnastics.

Steve Rider introduces coverage of the 1984 Bottlers of Coca-Cola Tournament from the Wembley Arena. on Four: W

1984 starring Reece Dinsdale and Nicola Cowper. Romantic drama about a shy young RAF recruit who is a trafficker in the Bird Control Unit of an RAF base and his attachment to a Naafi barmaid, set against a background of a war alert. Directed by Roy Battersby. 11.30 The Wine Programme. The final programme of Jancis Robinson's informative series

examines the wine-making technology used by the Californian growers (r). 12.00 Soap. Jessica is swept off her feet by the South American revolutionary who is holding her captive.

12.25 Jap Breakwell's Christmas Diary. What happens at a party 12.30 Closedown

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offered something different. You might think it odd that one of the "something different" attractions for sophisticates, dwelt on at some length in tonight's film, is a trip deep into the jungles of Borneo to dwelt appear to the treatment of the something the sound of the sound arriorg head-hunters, (admittedly reformed) sharing mixed accommodation in long domitories with bamboo-stat walls, and with a cluster of shrunken human heads

standing in for title floral baskets considered de rigueur in Benidorm

You could easily begin to lose patience with THE LOVED ONES (BBC2, 9.30) a Forty Minutes documentary about a medical centre for animals in New York, if you allowed mental pictures of the

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12.00 New: You and Yours.
12.27 Son of Citche †12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour, Today's addition includes Christmas.

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Symposium, an anthology in
words and music.
3.00 The Afternoon Play: The
Humanisation of George
Meyhew, by Jill Hyem. With Moir
Lessia and John Rowe. Romance
develops when a woman breaks
into a flat occupied by a
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bachelor.t 4.00 News; Enquire Within with Neil

Landor. 4.16 Bookshelf. Radio 4's good books

programme. With Hunter Davies.
4.40 Story Time: The Lovely Lady' by D. H. Lawrence, Abridged in two episodes (1). Read by Rachel Herbert.
5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50

BBC1 Wales: 12.57 pm-1.00 News of Wales headlines. 2.48-3.50 News of Wales headlines. 5.25-5.35 Interval. 5.35-5.58 Wales Today. 6.30-6.55 Grange I-till. 8.30-9.00 Week in Week Out. 11.50 pm-12.20 Zoo 2000.

Scotland: 12.57pm-1.00 The Scotlish News. 6.30-6.55 Reporting Scotland. 8.30-8.00 Cause for Concern. 11.50-

11.55 News and Weather. Northern Ireland: 12.57pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News, 3.48-3.55 Northern Ireland News 8.30-6.55 Inside User: 11.50-11.55 News and weather. England: 6.30pm-6.55 Regional news magazines.

S4C Starts 1.00pm Countdown. 1.30
Alice, 2.00 Ffalabatam. 2.15
Interval. 2.40 Film: Bank Holiday
(Margaret Lockwood). 4.05 Black and
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ANGLIA As London except: 10.25 sm Cartoon. 10.45 Christmas Story. 11.05-12.00 Christmas Memory. 1.20 pm News. 1.30-2.30 Champions. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Cartoon. 4.15-5.15 Stawberry Ica. 8.00 About Andia. 5.25 Croserrads.

8.00 About Anglia. 8.35 Croseroads. 7.00 Knight Rider. 8.00-8.30 Comedians. 10.30 Action Replay. 11.30 Star Parade. 12.30 am What Christmas Means.

BORDER As London except: 10.25
am-12.00 Film: Sunstruck
(Harry Secombs). 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30
Return of the Saint. 3.30 Young Doctors.
4.00-5.15 Film: Oliver Twist. 5.00
Looksround. 8.35 Crossroads. 7.00
Emmerdals Farm. 7.30 Knight Rider.
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Hollywood Special. 12.30 am Star of Bethlehem. 12.35 News, Closedown.

Ethiopian famine tragedy or the Bhopal gas disaster to get in the way. This expensive haven for distraught pet-lovers, privately run and spectacularly equipped, numbers among its patients a dog who, every 10 days and for the past five years, has had to be given insulin injections. There is a consultant animal behaviourist to enlighten dog-lovers about the mysteries of their pets' preference for surfaces on which to urinate. Glenn Gould plays Variations
Chromatiques; the LSO play
L'Arlesienne (Suthes 1 and 2).*

10.00 Kurt Wellt the Leipzig
Gewandhaus (under De Waart)
play the Symphony No 2.1

10.30 Callo and Plano: Melissa Phelps
and John York play Schumarm's
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for surfaces on which to urinate. And there is a pet bereavament group where heartbreak is pooled so intensely that, if you happen to switch on your television set at this point in Ted Clisby's film, you will think that you have suddenly come upon a post-funeral family gathering, in deepest mourning for a departed re

Peter Davalle

Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. The Six O'Clock News. My Word! Dilys Powell and Frank Mult challenge Antonia Fraser and Denis Norden.

7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Through My Window. With William Wikinson.
7.30 Carols From Liverpool, Richard Baker introduces the annual concert of carols and Christmas music direct from Philharmonic

On long wave. 1 stereo on VHF.
5.55 Shipping.
6.00 News briefing: Weather. 6.10
Farming Today, 6.25 Prayer.
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News. 6.55, 7.65 Weather. 7.00,
8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45
Thought for the Day, 8.35
Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57
Weather, Travel.
9.00 News. music direct from Philharmonic Hail, Liverpool. (Part 1; 1) 8.20 Any Answers? with John Thripson. 8.40 Carols From Liverpool. Part 2:7 9.30 Isn Skidmore in the BBC Sound

9.00 News.
9.05 Taking Sides. An audience of 150 air their views on the subject of morality. (A simultaneous broadcast with BISC1 Scotland.)
10.00 News, Medicine Now, with Gooff Watts. 10.30 Morning Story: 'Epsom Salts' by Robin Pearson, Read by Neil Robin Pearson, Read by Net Stary,
10.45 Daily Service; Advent Calendar; The Annunciation.†
11.00 News; Travet; This Thing Called Love, Laurie Taylor asks the eternal question – can simple friendship blossem into love?
11.26 The Case Against God. Last of eight programmes in which Gerald Priestland enquires into the axistence and character of God. Verdict and the Sentence,
12.00 New; You and Yours.

3.30 (an Skidmore in the BBC Sound Archives.

3.46 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: 'Just Resting' by Leon McKern. Eight extracts from his recently published autobiography. (4). Read by the author. 10.29 Weather.

10.30 The World Tonight.

11.15 The Financial World Tonight.

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11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00-12.15 News: Weather. 12.33 Shipping. VHF (available in England and S Wales only) Radio 4 viri is as above, except. 5.55-6.00 am. Weather: Travel. 1.55-2.00 pm. Listening Corner. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00-11.30 Study on 4: Joining In.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: Liszt's Piano Concerto No 2 (Berman, soloist, with Vienna SO under Glulinit); Faure's (orchestrated Rutter) Cantique de Jean Racine (Cambridge Singers); Tchaßovsity's suits The Nutcraker (Cleveland Orchestra under Mazzel), 18.00 News.
8.05 Morning Concert (contd): Bach's Suite No 1 in C (BWV 1086) played by English Concert; Poulenc's Suits francaise (Tacchino, piano); Jarascek's

(Tacchino, piano); Janacek's suite The Curning Little. Vixen.19.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer: Bizet.

Three Fantasiastucke Op 73; and Martinu's Sonata No 1.1

11.00 1984 Holet Festival: Holet's Choral Hymns from the Rig Veda (Set 3); John Fould's Keltic Melodies, 1909; and various works by Frank Bridge Including Peter Piper; Cherry Ripe; and Sir Roger de Coveriey.1

11.40 Stx Combnents: Foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC.1

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1.05 Schubert: Vienna Octat play the Octat in F, D 803.

2.00 Debussy: Le martyre de Saint Sebastien. Sung in French. With Vienna SO, Vienna Youth Choir, soficiets Sone Ghazarian, Christa Ludwig, Ria Bollen, Paul-Emile Deiber and Didler Raymond (in spoigen proles.)

Deiber and Didler Raymond (In spoken roles.?

3.30 Plane Trics: Rapheel Tric play Beethoven's Tric movement in A flat major; and Medelasohn's Tric In D minor Op 49.1

4.18 Youth Orchestras of the World: Surrey County Youth Orchestra (under Mongor). Walton's Johannesburg Festival Overture; Chaminade's Concertino for flute and orchestra (Whian Jones, soloist); Gordon Jacobs Mini-Concerto for Orchestra 1894; Massenet's Movements from Massanat's Movements from ballet suite Le Cid.14.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Roger Nichols's selections Blustrate the theme of the composer as intercent.

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6.30 Bandstand: The Templemore Band play Bantock's Syphonic Prelude: Prometheus Unbound; Gordon Jacob's Suite in E flat; Gareth Wood's Collseum.†

7.09 At Home Nowhers: Dr Philip Brady, Reader in German at Birbeck College, in conversation with Wolfgang Hildeshelmer, the writer and graphic artist.

7.30 BBC Welsh SO (Loughran conducting), With Edith Pelnemann (violin). Part one. Mozart's overture The Marriage Mozart's overture The Marriage of Figure, Beethoven's Violin Concerto, In part two, at 8.30, Brahma's Symphony No 1, Interval reading at 8.20.1 9.25 Dallapiccola's 80th: Rohan de

Datapiccola: 80th: Honari de Saram (cello) and Douglas Young (piano). Datlapiccola's Claconna; intermezzo e adagio. Douglas Young's Columbe (in memorian Datlapiccola): Vivald's (revised Datlapiccola): Cello Sonata Op 14 No 3 (RV 43).† 10.00 Music in Our Time: Aldo Clementi's one-act opera ES. Anth sopranos Kavanna, Donath Schneider, mezzos Althoff, Poll,

and Logie; contratos Batty, Gonzales, d'Albont; and Marlangele Colonna (speaking role), tallen Radio SO under

Pesto.†
10.55 Ulster Orchestra (under Wetton),
Ratif's overture Ein feste Burg ist
unser Gott, Op 127; Liszt's
Symphonic Poem Prometheus;
Mendelssohn's Symphony No 5
(Reformation).†
11.57 News. Until 12.00.

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On medium wave, † also VHF stereo.
News on the hour. Headlines 5.30 am,
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6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00pm Gary Davies incl 12.30pm Newsbeat. 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Bruno Brookes incl 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00am Into The Music with Tommy Vance 1

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Historic moment in the Great Hall



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the British Government will do all in its power to make the agreement a success. "It will be administer Hong Kong up to June 30, 1997, in accordance with the highest principles of British administration. We shall administer it prudently with foresight and in the best

interests of the people."

Mrs Thatcher, praised by
Chinese leaders as an outstanding politician with vision, was herself full of complements for Nersett full of complements for Mr Deng Xiaoping, calling his "one country, two systems" solution for Hong Kong "an idea of genius." She then paid him the highest compliment when she said: "The most basic principle which both our governments are applying is . . . to seek truth from facts."

"Seeking truth from facts" is the current Dengist slogan in China, underpinning both econ-omic and Communist Party reforms. It is also the basis whereby Deng is attempting to unshackle the country from the dogmatic political theories of Marxism and Mao Tse-tung

Thatcher told the British Press "I have not given arranged.

Hong Kong away. I couldn't give it away. We are bound till 1997. If we hadn't negotiated this agreement, we would have got nothing (for Hong Kong) something to keep the pros-perity of the place going."

On the issue of Hong Kong's future constitution - or basic law Mrs Thatcher said: "The basic law is the law of China, so you would expect China to draw up that law ... The agreement stipulates that the basic law will reflect what is contained in the joint declaration. We (Britain) will be monitoring the basic law through the Sine-British joint liaison committee." Mrs Thatcher offered little consolation for Hong Kong people who wanted direct participation in the drafting of the basic law although she said that there was an undertaining that China would solicit a wide range of opinion in Hong Kong in the process of drawing up that

 Buckingham Palace confirmed last night that the Queen has accepted "in prin-China. But a date had yet to be

consitution.

EEC action on dairy quota cash payments

From Ian Murray

The European Commission decided yesterday to suspend payment of 25 per cent of advances to the dairy sector in ive countries, including Britain, to force their obedience to the EEC's controversial milk quota scheme.

The decision was taken against those countries which have refused to collect a superlevy from farmers or dairies who have been producing more milk than allowed under an agreement made by agriculture ministers

Other countries involved are France, Belgium, The Nether-lands, and Luxembourg. West Germany has collected the necessary money, Denmark has been able to show that it owes nothing. Greece and Italy were both exempted from making a first payment until next May. The commission will today decide whether to block money to ireland.

Brittan in demand over child sex offenders

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Secretary, yesterday fore-shadowed new measures to Toc H worked with prevent child sex offenders getting jobs in which they would come into contact with chil-

In a statement on the case of Colin Evans, the murderer of Marie Payne, Mr Brittan announced that he was reviewing the system under which information about the criminal records of people seeking to work in sensitive areas, such childminding, is made available to the departments that need to

be issued to probation officers Evans, who was jailed for a minumum of 30 years on Monday after admitting the murder of Marie, aged four, was introduced to the voluntary organization Toc H in Berkshire by his probation officer in 1981 after serving three prison sentences for offences against

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Mr Leon Brittan, the Home children. The charity was not

Too H worked with the social services department and in 1982 Evans became a child-minder for a family of three children. Mr Brittan said that he had

called for a formal report from the Berkshire probation com-mittee. His announcement of an inquiry was being welcomed by MPs last night as signalling the likely widening of the disclosure of information about criminal records to social services and education departments. Mrs Jill Knight, Conservative

MP for Birmingham, Edgbaston and chairman of the Lords and Commons Child Protection Group, who has argued for greater access to police records in order to get clearance for people seeking jobs in which they would work with young people, said she was "im-mensely pleased" with the

'True poet' Ted Hughes is new Laureate

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"I think there is still a useful role for a Poet Laurente, aithough it rather depends on what you think of the crown. For me the crown is the symbol of the unity of the tribe, the spiritual unity. When that is outmoded, perhaps the job of the Laureate will be", he said.

On the matter of composing celebratory verse for royal occasions, he said: "I expect the Muse will dictate what can be done here or elsewhere. I don't think that this appoint ment will make any change in my life. There is no reason for me to become a more public figure". This was not a popular view among the news desks of the world yesterday. Imagination quivers at the notion of Hughes writing celebratory verse. He is neither a cosy nor a courtierly poet.

Ted Hughes has decided to keep the case of wine, work £27, as part of his official salary as a member of the Queen's Household.

The salary is £70 per annum. as it has been since the sixteenth century. Charles I introduced the extra payment of a butt, tun, or hogshead of wine. In 1790 a Poetaster Laureate called Henery James Pye asked for money in lieu of wine, and was awarded £27. His successors took the money until Betjeman, who was given a case of not very good wine worth £27. Ted Hughes has elected to carry on drinking, rather than banking his sec-

Ted Hughes is a Yorkshire-man, the son of a carpenter, and has worked as a rose gardener and night watchman. He won a scholarship to Pembroke College, Cambridge, from grammer school, and did National Service in the RAF as a wireless mechanic. He was marriedto the American poet, Sylvia Plath.

He brings a gust of acrid provincial air to the ancient office. He is an angry prophet rather than a smooth courtier. His verse is angular, savage, robust - and very good.

Last night he said: "I quite like the discipline of writing something to commission. I have done quite a lot of it in the past, and I look forward to doing it as Poet Laureate. I am looking forward with interest to seing what I can produce". So are the rest of us.

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Letter from Delhi

How Subedar Ali fought a man-eating tiger

This is the story of Then it slashed at Sube-Subedar Ali, who hit a dar's face, slicing his lower man-eating tiger on the lip in half and cutting his nose, and has lived to tell cyclids. the tale.

A man who fights bare-handed with a fully grown and hungry tiger could hardly expect to survive. Subedar felt the tiger begin to eat him and saw his own scalp in its mouth.

Doctors remark that he has a very strong will to live. In Delhi for the eighth operation to repair his torn body. Subedar described his extraordinary encounter and escape.

Subedar is aged 26 and works as a mahout in Corbett Park, a range of jungle, river and scrub in the Himalayan footbills of northern India, where tiger, leopard and elephant roam

He and a fellow mahout rode their elephants into the jungle to cut fodder from the trees. They separated and Subedar chained his elephant to a tree and climbed another to cut its branches with an axe.

He was about 12 feet above the ground when the tiger, which earlier had killed a man in Corbett Park, sprang at him, sank its claws into his legs and pulled him to the ground.
"I am a Muslim and I prayed to God", Subedar said. "I also prayed to the

Hindu gods because I knew I needed much help." He had the presence of

mind to roll on to his front to prevent the tiger tearing at his abdomen and throat. The tiger sank its teeth into his shoulders and neck, bit off his left ear and lacerated his back from neck to thighs. Then it scalped him. Holding Subedar's shoul-

der in its mouth, the tiger dragged him about 10 feet into the bushes. As is usual in tiger attacks, his clothes had been pulled off. Then the tiger rolled him over and straddled him.

As the tiger went for his throat the desperate man thrust his hand into its jaws and grasped its tongue and hit its nose. The tiger bit his hand, leaving two fingers almost severed.

All the time Subedar was conscious and yelling to his fellow mahout, Qutub, for help. His own elephant was

trumpeting loudly. Qutub emerged from the trees and the tiger backed off. Tigers and elephants if it have a mutual dislike. Qutub placed his elephant between the tiger and Subedar, and the badly injured man rolled himself towards his own elephant and unfastened the leg

He was unable to get up and the elephant hoisted him with its trunk, placing him on its neck. With the growling tiger padding closely behind, the two clephants walked for two miles to the park offices.

Subedar was put into a truck and taken to a small hospital where a doctor. using ordinary sewing thread, closed the bite wounds and claw slashes with 170 stitches.

Subsequently, Brijendra Singh, a warden at Corbett Park, had him brought 200 miles to hospital in Delhi. A series of painful repair operations was started.

Over the following months skin from his legs was grafted on to his head to make a new scalp. His fingers and eyelids were mended. Two weeks after the maul-

ing, Brijendra Singh identified the tiger by its footprints, tracked it and finally lured it into a trap with a trail of meat. It is now in Kampur zoo. Subedar went to see it recently and marvelled at its size, 9 feet long and 670 lb in weight. Subedar does not bear a

grudge. He asked that the tiger should be captured, not killed. He will soon be back on full time duty in Corbett Park and hopes to see many more tigers. To be a mahout is the joy of

my life", he said.

Hair will never grow on the part of his head that was injured. Baldness, and the scars on his body, will always remind him of his astonishing

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Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, accompanied by Queen Princess Margaret, attend a gala performance of *The Nuteracker* at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, 7.25.

Duke of Gloucester attends the

RIBA banquet at the Baltic Exchange, St Mary Axe, EC3, 7.15.

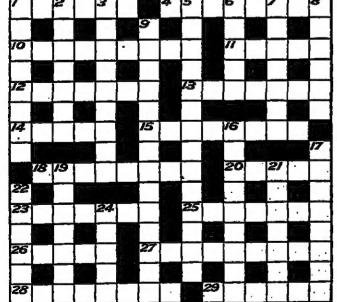
Last chance to see
Ceramics by Anne Vallade and
Robin Wade; and paintings and
embroidery by Felicity Walker;
Maclaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle

Exhibitions in progress

Prince and Princess Michael of to 5 (ends Jan 6).

Kent attend the British Field Sports Society dinner dance at Sotheby's, 7.15.

Antique Dolls, and Villas and Pillars: the architecture of Hastings in photographs; Hastings Museum and Art Gallery. Cambridge Rd, Mon to Sat 10 to 1 and 2 to 5, Sun 3



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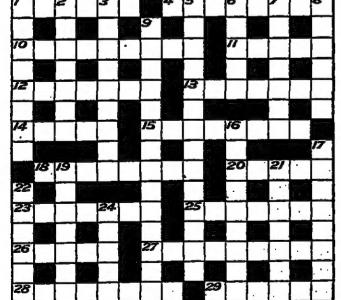
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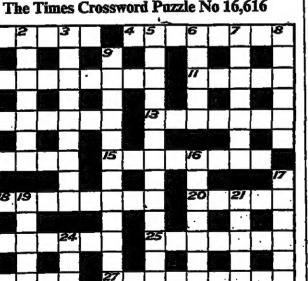
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Solution to Puzzle No 16,615 HOARDING E L E K ER WAST U K E TIMBASHII

Illustrations of Antiquity: paint ings and drawings of ancient sites and antiquities; Randolph Gallery, Ashmolean Museum, Oxford; Tues 10 Sat 10 to 4, Sun 2 to 4 (ends Jan

A View of Stirling over the last 100 years; by local photographers, Stirling Smith Art Gallery and Museum, 40 Albert Place, Stirling:

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Church, Doncaster, 7.
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Concert Band; Priory Place Methodist Church, Printing Office St. Doncaster, 7.30,
Concert by the Bournemouth
Symphony Orchestra; Winter Gardens, Bournemouth, 7.30.
Carol concert with the Mcdnes-

ford Salvation Army Band; Lich-field Cathedral, Staffs, 8. Carols Continuous with Mersey-side Police Band; Liverpool Parish Church, Old Churchyard, 12. Carols with the Hull Choral Union Orchestra; City Hall, Hall,

7.30.
Carols Old and New by the Sheffield Oratorio Chorus, Sheffield Carol concert by the Broadland Singers and the Citadel Salvation Army Band; St Andrew's Hall Norwich, 8.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on Sir George Baker's review of North-ern Ireland emergency legislation. Motion on Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance) (No 2) Order. Lords (11): Motions on Merchant Shipping (Liner Conferences) Orders and other orders.

Crisis at Christmas

Crisis at Christmas is a charitable organization offering food and shelter to London's single homeless over the Christmas period.

A few more volunteers are needed to help with the preparation of accommodation as well as the running of the scheme and clearing up afterwards. Volunteer drivers. particularly those with their own vehicles, are also needed. Donations of money, mattres

bedding and men's clothing would be most welcome. Contact Crisis at

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London, E.1. (Tel: 01-377 0489).

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Books - hardback and paperback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:
Art of Our Time: The Sastchi Collection, 4 volumes (Lund Humphries Publishers
Ltd, paperback £20 each).
Britain in the Age of Walpole, edited by Jeremy Block (Macmillan, £16, paperback

25.95).
The Attes of British Politics, by Robert Waller (Croom Heim Ltd., paperback 216.95).
Carnis - The Story of a Hebridean Island, by J. L. Campbell (Oxford, hardback 225).
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Directors of Industry, The British Corporate Network 1904-76, by John Scott and Catherine Griff (Polity Press, hardback 219.50).
European Unfanization 1500-1800, by Jan de Vries (Methusa and Co. Ltd., hardback 22.50).

tics of Broadcasting, edited by Raymond Kuhn (Croom-ET7.95).
The Shortest Journey by Philippe Pullar (Unwin Paperbacks, paperback 23.95).
Whitehall and the Labour Problem in Late-Victorian and Edwardian Britain, a Study in Official Statistics and Social Control, by Roger Davidson (Croom Heinhardback £18.95).

Roads

London and South-east: Heathrow Airport: Increasingly congested with holidaymakers; delays likely on with holiday makers; delays likely on spur from junction 4 of M4 to Airport. A400: Camden St, in Camden Town: reduced width between Camden Rd and Crowndale Rd. M25: Lane closures between Wisley and Chertsey in Surrey, at junctions 10 and 11 on the northbound approximate.

the northbound carriageway, only the hard shoulder open at times. The Midlands: A134: Temorary signals at Sudbury, Suffolk. A10: Contraflow N of Colsterworth at The North A69: Roadworks at delays. A691/A692: Roadworks on

delays. A691/A692: Roadworks on the Leadgate bypass.

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Scotland: A75: Bypass construc-tion at Gatchouse of Fleet, Kircudbright, usific control from time to time. A8: Outside: lane closed 1 mile E of Shawhead interchange with the A725 to the Chapelhall interchange at the B799. A1: Roadworks W of Haddinton, E

Lothian.
Information supplied by the AA.

Anniversaries

Births: John Wilson Croker politician and essayist. Galway. 1780: Sir Robert Menzies, Prime Minister of Australia 1939-41, 1949 66. Jeporet, Victoria, 1894. Ambroise Pare, surgeon Paris, 1590.

The pound

The papers Timothy Raison, Minister extra £1 million was to be given to aid Ethiopian refugees who have fled to camps in Sudan, says: "But that marvellous million more than that marveitous million more than compensates for the tax take on Band Aid's chart topper – plus the money raised on Wham's latest single, which is also boosting the appeal. And victory, by any other name, will taste just as sweet to the children of Ethiopia."

The Sun, commenting on Mr Jenkin's plans to curb public spending by freezing some of the local authorities' assets left from the sale of council houses, says: "The manifestos' before the last two elections solemnly pledged the party of the in stale spending. Yet to cuts in state spending. Yet everytime the axe actually has to fall, somewhere there are angry screeches from Tory MPs."

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Weather forecast

Troughs of low pressure over England and Wales will clear quickly followed by a showery W flow across all areas.

London, SE, central S, E England, East Anglia, E Midhands: Rain clearing, sunny intervals and showers developing: wind SW tresh or strong veering NW and moderating: max temp 9C (48F).

W Midlands, Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Sunny Intervals, isolated showers; wind NW moderate or tresh; max temp 10C (50F).

N Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW, NE, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Angyl,

SEA PASSAGES: S North See, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind SW strong or gale veering NW moderate; rain then fair; visibility moderate or poor becoming good; sea rough becoming

Sun rises: 8.03 am

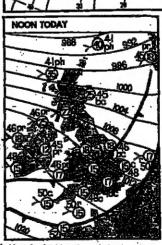
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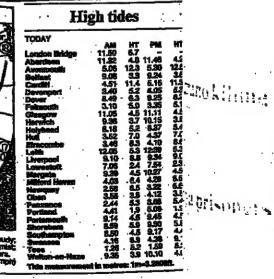
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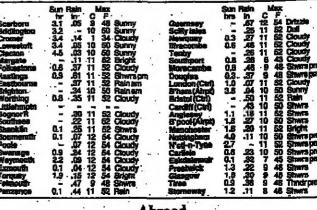
Yesterday: Temp: max 8 am to 6 pm, 11C (527): min 6 pm to 6 am, 6C (437). Hundby: 6 pm, 92 per cent. Rain: 24m to 6 pm, 0,07m, Surr. 24m to 6 pm, 1,0/ms. Sar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1018.4 milliours and rising. 1,000 milliours = 28.55m.

Yesterday: Highest day temp Poole, Weymouth and leigranouth 12C (SAP); lowest day mac Glenfivet -2C (2SF); highest raintel: Keswick 0.87h; highest sunshine: Aberdeen 4.7 hr.

HIGH







Abroad

6am to midnight

SW, NE, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Morey Firth, Argyl, Critiney, Sheffand, Morthern Ireland: Showers, heavy and thundery in places, wintry on hills, some surmy intervals; wind W fresh or strong; max term 8C (48F).

NW, central N, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Scattered showers, sunny intervals; wind W moderate or fresh; max temp 7C (45F).

Outdook for tomorrow and Saturday: Showers and surmy intervals in the N, mostly dry with sunny periods in the N, more general rain in W later; nearnormal temperatures; overnight frost and fog patches; windy in the N.

SEA PASSAGES: 8 North See, Straft of

becoming good; sea rough becoming moderate.

Moon rises: Moon sets: 5.44 sm 2.11 pm . New Moon: December 22.

Yesterday

- London

Highest and lowest

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MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzie; f, feir; fg, fog; r, rein; s, sun; en, snow.

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